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Bear hug
Rock star La Toya Jackson of the US greets a Soviet admirer before the start of this month's Music Summit rock festival.

GAO names Kuwait Leak list

WASHINGTON, Aug 5, (AP): US government technology and computer codes useful for developing atomic weapons are leaking to foreign countries as a result of conflicting laws, erratic enforcement and some confusion, says a report of the General Accounting Office, the watchdog of Congress.

In spite of laws limiting the release of such data, "sensitive" countries... have obtained information dealing with detonators, explosives and firing sets that could assist or enhance nuclear weapons development," the study said.

"Sensitive" countries were defined as communist-ruled or those suspected of clandestine nuclear weapons programmes. Of these Iraq, Israel, Pakistan, India, Argentina, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Bulgaria and China were named as buying sensitive nuclear-related data from the US energy department through routine orders or subscriptions, along with nine other countries including major allies.

"Many experts believe that the United States indirectly assisted India through the liberal publication of unclassified (fuel) reprocessing information," to stage its "explosion of a peaceful nuclear device in 1974," the report noted.

The GAO cited no concrete example of US information enabling a country to make atomic bombs, but it said it has found that "weaknesses exist... that raise questions about the department of energy's ability to effectively protect national security and meet this country's non-proliferation policies."

The study was sent to Congress in June and, under GAO regulations made public 30 days later.

The GAO and Democratic Senator John Glenn, who requested it, said the problem centres on the flow of information considered sensitive but not formally classified as secret or restricted.

"The department of energy must stop dragging its feet on issuing guidance to its (atomic) weapons laboratories on identifying and limiting dissemination of unclassified, controlled nuclear information," Glenn said in a statement.

He said his governmental affairs committee plans hearings later this year on the issue as well as other "serious security weaknesses at the DOE weapons (Continued on Page 2)

No 'floating' oil

KUWAIT, Aug 5, (KUNA): Kuwait today denied a press report that this Gulf country had chartered five tankers to store its oil and affirmed that it had no oil stock afloat since the cessation of the Iran-Iraq war.

A senior Kuwaiti oil industry official categorically denied the report, carried by a foreign news agency which quoted shipping sources as alleging that Kuwait chartered the five tankers to store oil somewhere near the Island of Mauritius and off Oman.

The official, Mansour Othman Al-Fraih who is executive assistant to the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's managing director, told KUNA in a statement that such reports are designed to harm Kuwait's reputation and discredit it on the international oil market.

He stressed that after the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war went into effect last August, Kuwait has had no oil stockpile stored in tankers.

Fraih also renewed Kuwait's commitment to its oil production quota of 1.35 million barrels per day.

Delhi orders commando sweep in Punjab to flush out extremists

AMRITSAR, India, Aug 5, (AP): About 950 commandos have moved into grassy wetlands in the northern state of Punjab to flush out Sikh extremists, the state police said today.

The joint operation by 200 heavily armed national security guards and 750 Punjab state police commandos began last night in the Mand area of Punjab, police chief K.P.S. Gill said.

The 90-square-kilometre (35-square-mile) grassy land bisected by the Sutlej River is believed to contain hideouts of the extremists waging a guerrilla war since 1982 for an independent nation.

While the commandos moved in from Amritsar and burned grass to expose the hideouts, the rest of the force surrounded and sealed Mand. Gill said in an interview.

He refused to say when the offensive would end.

The searchers are armed with night vision devices, 50 high speed motor boats, Uzi sub-machine-guns, light machine-guns and hand grenades, he said.

Gill said the operation was the fourth in Mand in four years. This year's was the first in Mand involving the national security guards, known as "Black Cats" because of their black uniforms.

The force was set up after Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination by two Sikh bodyguards on Oct 30, 1984.

Yesterday's offensive followed intelligence reports that "about 250 terrorists had infiltrated the area with huge quantities of sophisticated arms, including Stinger missiles," Gill said.

The Amritsar district lies on the border with Pakistan. India says Sikh extremists move freely across the border, often to seek refuge in the neighbouring country.

India says the extremists bring arms from Pakistan and receive military training there. Pakistan has repeatedly denied the charge.

The commando operation came after a lull last week in killings by Sikh extremists.

Setback on fresh demand

Israeli 'snatch force' kidnapped 1,000

PARIS, Aug 5, (KUNA): As many as 1,000 Lebanese Shiites are held in Israeli prisons, one third of them captured by the same Israeli commando forces that kidnapped Sheikh Abdulkarim Obeid in southern Lebanon, it was revealed today.

According to the Middle East defence biweekly, Mednews, Israel started kidnapping Lebanese Shiites from southern Lebanon last December after forming a "snatch" team under instructions of Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

In its first operation across the borders last December 18th, the snatch team seized a Hezbollah military leader, Jawad Cashfi, Mednews maintained.

Cashfi was described by the Israeli authorities as "an operative" working for Mustapha Al Dirani, the former security chief of the Amal movement who defected to Hezbollah in February 1988.

Cashfi's abduction went virtually unnoticed, said Mednews, because neither Hezbollah nor Amal reacted in any ostensible way.

In the ensuing months, Mednews said Israel kidnapped 300 or more Lebanese Shiites in jails in Israel and in a special prison set up in the Shiite village of Al Khayyam in the Israeli self-proclaimed security zone.

These abductions brings up the number of Lebanese Shiite prisoners in the two jails to more than 1,000, said Mednews quoting sources in the southern suburb of Beirut.

Most of these prisoners are believed to be operatives of Al Dirani and Amal militants in southern Lebanon, the publication said.

Fierce Beirut battle claims 21

Egypt backs Iraq summit call

BEIRUT, Aug 5, (Agencies): Syrian and Christian gunmen clashed in what a radio station called a "shelling storm" today, killing 21 people including seven soldiers serving under Christian Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun.

The deadly, six-hour barrage also wounded 82 people in Beirut, the surrounding mountain villages and the eastern Bekaa valley, according to a police spokesman.

By police count, the 20-week confrontation between Aoun's 20,000 mainly Christian troops and the 40,000 Syrian soldiers in Lebanon has killed 537 people and wounded 2,266.

The police spokesman said the casualties today included 10 dead and 40 wounded in the underground shelter of a residential building in the Christian suburb of Fayadiyeh.

Syrian tanks rumbled into West Beirut and the surrounding hills today and multi-barrelled rocket launchers buttressed the front line along the city's dividing Green Line, police said.

The spokesman said the tanks, most of them Soviet-designed T-62s, rolled down the central Lebanese mountains from East Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, clogging traffic along the Beirut-Damascus Highway.

A reliable Christian source in East Beirut, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the building was used by Aoun's Army as a "communications station."

Seven of Aoun's soldiers were killed in the shelter, the source said.

The shelter, according to the police spokesman was knocked off by three 240-mm mortar shells fired from a Syrian emplacement in the summer resort of Baalshmeih, a few miles east of Fayadiyeh.

The spokesman said the three mortar rounds pierced the parking lot of the 10-storey building and blasted the underground shelter.

"Part of the building collapsed on the shelter and victims were buried under the rubble," the spokesman said.

Aoun's command at the Defence Ministry in the suburb of Yarz, one kilometre (.6 mile) east of Fayadiyeh, sent hundreds of soldiers to evacuate casualties from the collapsed shelter, the police spokesman said.

He said casualties were evacuated in armoured personnel carriers because "it was very risky for ambulances to operate due to the intensity of the barrage."

Most of the casualties in Fayadiyeh were taken to the military hospital in Christian East Beirut, the police spokesman said.

Egypt today approved Iraq's call for an emergency Arab summit to discuss the explosive situation in Lebanon, according to the Iraqi ambassador in Cairo Nabil Najm.

The Iraqi diplomat made the statement following a meeting with Egyptian State Minister for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali but he did not elaborate on Cairo's acceptance of the Iraqi summit call, nor was there an immediate Egyptian confirmation.

Ghali yesterday said Cairo welcomed the proposed emergency summit.

Hope rests with Algeria

BEIRUT, Aug 5, (Agencies): The pro-Iranian Hezbollah movement said today the release of three Israeli servicemen — a key element in a prisoner swap proposed by Israel to end the Lebanese hostage crisis — was impossible.

The group, believed to hold two of the three missing Israelis, denied it was involved in negotiations for freeing up to 17 Western hostages in Lebanon but it said the release of the Israeli prisoners was "out of question."

In a statement to an international news agency in Beirut, it named several Palestinians or Lebanese held by Israel whom it wanted freed, including the man accused of killing 16 people by forcing an Israeli bus down a ravine last month.

"Any discussion of the issue of the (Israeli) prisoners is out of the question now," said Hezbollah, which is believed to have close links to kidnap groups.

"The Zionist entity (Israel) has to understand that it has made a mistake. Its abduction of Sheikh Abdel-Karim Obeid has ended all possibilities for an exchange."

Before Hezbollah's statement, hopes of an end to the week-long standoff had been growing.

The latest hostage crisis was sparked by the capture by Israeli commandos of Obeid, an Hezbollah cleric, and two aides from his south Lebanon home on July 28.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's top aide said today Israel was exploring all roads to the release of foreign captives in Lebanon but refused to "engage in a public debate" over demands from the group believed to hold them.

Yossi Ahimeir also reiterated that Israel's July 31 proposal for an exchange of all foreign hostages and Israeli soldiers held in Lebanon for several hundred captive Shiites was still valid.

"We are holding contacts and making efforts to bring about the release of hostages and prisoners and it's not worthwhile to add any details now," he said.

The Defence Ministry, in co-ordination with the Foreign Ministry and Shamir's office, also issued a statement saying: "The announcement of the Minister of Defence from July 31, 1989 is valid as written and told... we are not taking in consideration public announcements, those and others. If and when the Red Cross will approach us, we will discuss it."

And UN envoy Marrack Goulding told Reuters in Damascus: "There does seem to be widespread feeling that this hostage problem has got to be tackled fundamentally and this is the time to do it."

Goulding met Hezbollah officials in Beirut's southern suburbs yesterday. But the movement denied today it was involved in any negotiations.

"We affirm that Hezbollah has no direct or indirect links with the hostage issue and with negotiations concerning it. This matter concerns only the kidnappers. Everyone knows that and knows how to get to them," its statement said.

As Goulding arrived in Damascus, efforts to free the hostages suffered a setback when the Hezbollah ruled out the release of three missing Israeli soldiers.

The UN envoy said he could not confirm yet whether Higgins was dead or not.

The Israeli statements came in response to the statement issued in Beirut by the Hezbollah organisation.

The statement denied that Hezbollah was negotiating a prisoner exchange with Israel and said the kidnapping of a Hezbollah leader by Israeli commandos on July 28 "blocked chances for a swap."

But it said the party was eager to seek the release of all Palestinian and Lebanese detainees in Israel even as it denied involvement "with the hostage issue or any negotiations related to this matter."

It demanded the release of the leader, Obeid, and specified five other detainees whose release is sought.

Abdel Hadi Salman Rassem Ghanem, 23, of Nusseirat refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip, who is charged with killing 16 people and injuring 25 on July 6 by forcing a passenger bus into a ravine. One American and two Canadians have died in the attack.

Nidal Zalun, 28, of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank, who was sentenced to life

Bombay shakes off monsoon paralysis

By Fathima Ahmad Arab Times staff

KUWAIT, Aug 5: Bombay is back to normal after a week of virtual paralysis due to heavy monsoon rains that hit India.

Trains and bus services had come to a standstill and telephone services were hit by rains that took at least 903 lives last week. Normalcy returned last Wednesday and all services were resumed.

Some districts of Maharashtra are still reeling under the aftermath of the floods: thousands of people have been rendered homeless in the villages.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's Sindh province is under threat from the rising waters of the Indus River. Flood waters, however, are receding in that country's Punjab province. About 150 have died due to torrential rains.

Indian official sources put the death toll at 903 in six states: Maharashtra (855) Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh (24), Assam, Karnataka (14) and Kerala (27).

More than 700,000 have been made homeless.

Losses are estimated at Rs 15 billion (about \$1.2 billion). Damage to fertile crop land and property has been extensive in the six states.

Ms Neelam Katharia, director of public relations at India's Ministry of Agriculture, told Arab Times: "The situation is pretty bad."

She said the most extensive damage was in the south Indian state of Kerala. Fourteen districts, with an estimated population of 8.6 million, have been affected. A total of 11.23 hectares of fertile crop land has been damaged. Thousands have been rendered homeless in 878 villages.

The extent of damage to life and property is yet to be assessed in Pakistan. Initial estimates put the death toll at 150 in Punjab province, the worst hit by torrential rains.

The English-language daily, Dawn of Pakistan, estimates that hundreds of thousands of people have been made homeless and thousands of acres of fertile land has been destroyed by the flooding of the rivers Chenab, Ravi, Indus and Sutlej.

"It was not only the rains, the problem was compounded by melting ice," said a Dawn reporter, adding that Larkana, Sukkur and Badin in the Sindh province are now under threat, he said.



Good news
David Cicippio hugs a friend after he received news that the execution of his father, Joseph Cicippio, had been postponed. (Reuter wirephoto)

Plain myths

BOSTON, Aug 5, (AP): Former National Security adviser Robert McFarlane's claim that military mismanagement thwarted two air raids on radical Shiite Muslims in Lebanon in 1983 was challenged yesterday by former Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

"He's just as unreliable on this as he was on virtually everything else I ever did with him," Weinberger said in an interview with television station WCVB-TV.

In an interview shown on Thursday on WCVB-TV's show "Hostage," McFarlane said the United States came close to mounting bombing raids twice in 1983 when government intelligence learned where the Shiites were training.

McFarlane said the missions were aborted because "of our own military chain of command."

In 1983, the truck bombing of a marine barracks in Lebanon claimed the lives of hundreds of US servicemen. McFarlane said the United States had "extremely good intelligence" that Hezbollah militiamen were training in barracks in a valley in eastern Lebanon.

Most Western hostages in Lebanon are believed held by factions of Hezbollah.

In the first attempt, US pilots circled so long over the area that Syrian air defences could have been about to "turn on, track them, shoot them down," McFarlane said.

McFarlane said Weinberger called off the second raid, which had been planned with the French government, because the defence secretary felt it was too risky.

Weinberger strongly denied the allegation.

"There were certainly no planes in the air about to make a strike that were turned back, and there was most certainly no failure to co-operate," Weinberger said. "Those are just plain myths."



Singin' Dixie
American seamen wear Soviet sailor fur caps which they were presented with during their visit to the Kamyshovaya Bukhta fishing farm on Aug 5. Behind the sailors are a pair of Soviet farmers.

Two US warships sailed yesterday into the Soviet port of Sevastopol, where booming cannons, a band and a cheering crowd welcomed the sailors making a five-day visit to a naval installation normally off-limits to foreigners.

Sailors from the Aegis guided-missile cruiser USS Thomas S. Gates and guided-missile frigate USS Kaufman threw their hats toward the shore. Soviet citizens threw flowers and coins in a return gesture welcoming the Navy men.

Rebels pound Kabul

'UN delinquent'

KABUL, Aug 5, (Reuters): The Afghan government charged the United Nations today with not doing enough to end the civil war as rockets pounded Kabul for the second straight day.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani said UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar should become more personally involved in trying to halt the 10-year-old conflict.

Amani said gross US and Pakistani violations of the Geneva accords, supposed to outlaw foreign interference in Afghanistan, were damaging the credibility of the United Nations.

Asked if the Kabul government was unhappy with the efforts of Perez de Cuellar's representative on Afghanistan, Benon Sevan, he said: "It has not been sufficient. It is not sufficient you would not have heard all these blind rockets."

Sevan has been shuttling between Islamabad and Kabul for well over a year looking for common ground between the Soviet-backed Afghan government, mujahideen rebels and their Pakistani and American supporters.

Top Soviet and US officials tried to unblock the Afghan peace process during talks in Stockholm this week, but the meeting produced no results.

Labour pains

ADDRESSING the priority issue of population imbalance in Kuwait, Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi expressed reservations in achieving this objective by the year 2000.

Awadi expected that the upcoming five year plan will be more realistic. He also indicated that the Kuwaitisation process might not be realised completely because the national work force represents only 20 per cent of the total.

Pivotal to the commendations he placed emphasis on the restriction of incoming expatriate labour. Specifically, he defined, such labour that constitutes the "non productive sector," i.e. maids and other domestic labour.

He added that a recent study indicated that Kuwaiti nationals represent only 30 per cent of the country's population, expressing hope that the matter would be balanced by the year 2000.

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DAY BY DAY

AUGUST is the month of vacations and holidays all the world over. Though from the point of relaxation it is fruitful, professionally, the month is literally dead. What prevents the Arab world from synchronising their holidays with the rest of the world? Why is it that we in the Arab world find ourselves vacationing very early? As soon as the holy month of Ramadan arrives, we are in the midst of a standstill in activities.

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Church in action to close US bases

MANILA, Aug 5, (UPI): A homegrown Philippine church claiming five million members said today it is launching a nationwide campaign aimed at closing key US military bases and remove nuclear weapons from the Philippines.

Bishops of the Philippine Independent Church said the presence of the bases violates Philippine sovereignty and a constitutional provision banning the storage of nuclear weapons in Philippine territory.

The church position is contained in a pastoral letter to be read in all chapels across the country on Sunday, church Supreme Bishop Tito Pasco told reporters.

The church broke away from the Roman Catholic Church in 1902 over the issue of ordaining Filipino priests. It is led by Filipino labour leader Isabelo de Los Reyes and claims to have five million to six million followers.

"The Supreme Council of Bishops of the Philippine Independent Church is against the US bases' presence, and not only US but any foreign bases," Pasco said. "If there is the base, naturally the nuclear weapons will inevitably be stored in these bases."

"We would like to see this country truly and genuinely sovereign. We would like to charter our own destiny by ourselves without foreign intervention," Pasco said.

The church began a campaign in all its parishes last Thursday aimed at convincing members of the US bases' disadvantages. Pasco said, explaining that his parishioners could become a factor should the government call a plebiscite on the bases.

The Philippines hosts Clark Air Base and Subic Bay naval complex—Washington's largest and oldest overseas facilities—under a 1947 treaty that expires in 1992.

President Corason Aquino has said she is keeping her options open on whether to renew the lease and Filipinos have taken up the debate with a passion.

14 Indian soldiers, 25 Sri Lankans die

Premadasa considers options

COLOMBO, Aug 5, (Agencies): Fourteen Indian soldiers and 25 civilians were killed in Sri Lanka's northern Jaffna district this week in clashes between troops and Tamil separatist guerrillas, the rebels said.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam said in a statement fighting broke out at Valveturai on Wednesday and Thursday while Sri Lanka and India were holding talks in New Delhi on the withdrawal of 45,000 Indian troops from the island.

In the southern areas 16 people were killed by suspected Sinhalese militants in the 24 hours up to this morning, official sources said.

They said three members of the security forces were among those killed by suspected rebels of the People's Liberation Front who want the Indian forces to leave.

A Sri Lankan delegation led by Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne returned to Colombo last night after week-long talks in New Delhi ended without agreement.

A government statement said Wijeratne would report on the talks to President Ranasinghe Premadasa.

After a week of tough negotiations with India, which sometimes wavered between total collapse and deadlock, Sri Lanka will have to decide within the next few days whether it agrees to an Indian contention that the withdrawal of the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) should necessarily be tied up with the devolution of power to the

North East Provincial Council, Foreign Ministry officials said here today.

The Indian position which is outside a two-point formula that emerged during the discussions in New Delhi was being conveyed to Premadasa by Wijeratne.

The ten-member team which also included Higher Education Minister Sahul Hameed, despite a gruelling seven-day hard talks in the Indian capital, rushed at dawn today to meet the president who is performing religious rites at the sacred southern Shree Kataramaga-172 miles from Colombo.

Officials said the talks will be continued later in Colombo on the 'conditional formula' that relates the IPKF ceasing hostilities in the north for a fortnight reserving the right to retaliate if the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) attacked them and the symbolic pull out of Indian troops, 1,500 soldiers a week for few months, to the conditions on the ground and a strict observance of the ceasefire.

But Indian sources said any further talks will depend on Sri Lanka's acceptance of the Indian demand that a time frame for the IPKF withdrawal should accompany simultaneously the devolution of power to the provincial councils.

The Indian position after study by the president during the weekend will be placed before a special cabinet meeting Monday officials sources said.

It will subsequently be put

before government parliamentarians for their views and comments, the sources added.

Meanwhile, Sri Lankan soldiers detained 58 suspected Sinhalese radicals and eight more people were killed in ethnic violence across the country, military officials said today.

Sinhalese extremists from the People's Liberation Front shot and killed an activist from Premadasa's United National Party in a Colombo suburb today, one official said.

The official, who cannot be identified under briefing rules, said he had no further details on the slaying of the activist, Lanka Fernando. He said another civilian was killed in a separate attack.

Yesterday, Sinhalese militants killed three soldiers in two attacks in southern Sri Lanka, the military official said. One militant also was killed in another unspecified incident, the official said without elaborating. He said 58 suspected members of the radical group had been detained in the past 24 hours. He did not give further details.

The government blames the front for 4,000 killings and a series of crippling strikes since it launched an anti-government campaign in 1987.

The Sinhalese extremists are opposed to a 1987 peace accord that gave some autonomy to members of the Tamil ethnic minority and to the presence of the Indian peacekeeping troops deployed on the island to enforce the pact with Tamil rebels.

Reports hit overseas information leaks

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DOE weapons laboratories produced 39,000 research reports in 1986-87 of which more than 60 per cent were available by sale or subscription, the GAO said. It found that a 68 per cent majority of 30 separate nuclear-related studies it traced went to overseas recipients — and that

Iraq, Israel and Pakistan requested six copies each while the largest total number of copies, 71, went to China.

One of the reports sold abroad discussed methods to improve a detonator used in most US nuclear bombs, another described methods to shape the explosives in such weapons, the GAO said.

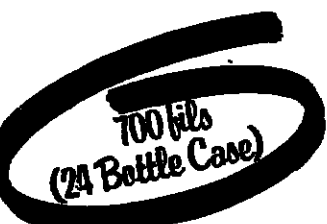
The list of foreign countries

and number of copies obtained: Communist countries: Bulgaria 2; China 71.

Other "sensitive" countries: Argentina 5; India 12; Iraq 18; Israel 26; Kuwait 1; Pakistan 21; South Africa 5; South Korea 28; Taiwan 4.

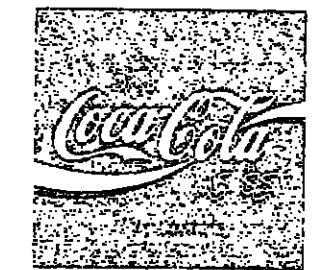
Other countries: Australia 14; Canada 8; Finland 16; France 24; Japan 19; New Zealand 7; Sweden 32; United Kingdom 22.

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IN THE MARKET BOTTLES.



Shot to death

Seven suspected Shining Path guerrillas boarded one of Peru's most popular tourist trains and shot to death a police officer, authorities said yesterday.

The attack occurred Thursday 155 miles (250 kilometres) east of Lima on the busy line connecting the Andean city of Huancavelica with Lima, according to a report in the government newspaper La Cronica.

Meanwhile, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who arrived Tuesday for a religious conference on poverty and

violence, called on the people to forgive and pray for those who take up arms.

"Begin with forgiveness, because when you forgive there is peace, love and happiness," the 79-year-old Nobel laureate said Thursday.

Picture shows Mother Teresa escorted by Peruvian policemen and members of the church as she arrives for a meeting. (Reuter wirephoto)

Setback on fresh...

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Lahd's forces, while Yaseen was arrested and accused of preparing an attack against Israel's self-designated security zone in southern Lebanon.

Algeria maintained silence today about its mediating role in efforts to free Western hostages in Lebanon.

A senior official who asked not to be identified said publicity would only harm delicate talks to save the hostages, who face death threats by Shiite Muslim extremists.

"In this type of humanitarian affair there is no reason to fuel media speculation," the official told Reuters. "Publicity does not serve the goals we are trying to achieve."

Algeria, a veteran mediator in Middle East hostage crises, sent an envoy to Beirut in response to an appeal by Bush on Wednesday.

The envoy, an experienced hostage negotiator, is working with UN envoy Goulding and the Algerian Ambassador in Beirut, Al Khaled Al Hasnawi, to try to defuse the crisis.

Security sources said the Algerian negotiating team arrived in Beirut on Thursday and had already met with the kidnappers. Hasnawi refused to disclose the negotiators' whereabouts or give details about their mission.

He said they were expected to visit Syria and Iran later.

Hasnawi said he met with top clerics of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah as well as his spiritual leader Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah. He urged them to use their power to prevent the killing of US hostage Joseph Cicippio.

His intervention, apparently helped defuse the crisis which blew up a week ago.

US President George Bush said yesterday he believed a solution was possible after an offer by Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani to help Washington to free the nine US citizens believed held in Lebanon.

The Tehran Times, close to Iran's Foreign Ministry, said the next move was up to Washington. "The ball has now been swiped right across to the US court," it said.

Algeria's Ambassador to Lebanon, Al Khaled Al Hasnawi, an important mediator, said the problem of the nine Americans and eight other Western hostages had started to unfold.

The Hezbollah statement came after Iran also had disclaimed direct involvement with hostage-taking, saying it had refused to accept a message from Bush on "events in Lebanon."

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, quoted an unnamed Foreign Ministry official as saying: "The US administration sent a message to Iran's Foreign Ministry last week through a third country. Since the content had nothing to do with Iran, the message was not accepted."

The agency, said the official was responding to reports that Bush had sent a message to Iran to prevent the killing of Western hostages in Lebanon. It gave no further details.

Other voices

ABC-Post poll: Most Americans oppose Israel's abduction of Muslim clericman Abdul Karim Obeid and a majority of those polled now consider Israel to be an unreliable ally, an ABC news-Washington Post poll indicated yesterday.

The telephone poll, taken on Wednesday and Thursday, indicated 51 per cent of those surveyed disapproved of the Israeli capture of Obeid, accused by the Israeli government of directing terrorism in Lebanon. Thirty per cent approved of the move while 19 per cent had no opinion.

The survey said 53 per cent of those polled believed that Israel was not a reliable ally, while 29 per cent believed the country as reliable.

A similar poll taken on April 3 showed that 51 per cent considered Israel to be reliable.

A Lebanese Shiite group on Monday claimed to have hanged American hostage William R. Higgins because of Israel's refusal to release Obeid.

Jesse Jackson: The former Democratic presidential candidate and black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson has called the capture of Lebanese clericman Abdul Karim Obeid last week by Israel "a kidnapping... an act of terror."

As expected, his remarks in an interview with a television station in Chicago, immediately drew criticism from American Jewish groups.

Jackson's comment came as he was stressing that there was a need to break this cycle of violence in the Middle East and expressed dismay about the "kidnapping" of the Shiite religious leader.

"Asked specifically what he meant by kidnapping, he said: 'Of course it was a kidnapping. It was an act of terror and it was a mistake. It was a provocative act.'

A spokesman for the American Jewish Congress immediately commented by saying that Jackson's remarks were "incredible and unfortunate."

Edward Koch: New York mayor Edward Koch called on Thursday for "carpet bombing" of Lebanon's Bekaa Valley and missile attacks on Iran's main oil port of Kharg island if pro-Iranian terrorists do not free all hostages held there.

"If President (George) Bush were to ask my advice and he hasn't, I would tell him to tell Hezbollah that unless every single hostage is free by Monday we will you (that) by between next Monday and Sunday thereafter we are going to carpet-bomb that valley where they all live," Koch told a rally of about 150 people outside the Iranian mission to the United Nations.

Koch said that Bush should give the terrorists time to evacuate. "That way we give them a chance to get out the children, the women. (Then) if you are there it's your headache," Koch said he would tell the terrorists.

The mayor also called for bombing Kharg island, Iran's major oil port, if Iran does not secure the release of the hostages.

Koch spoke for about 15 minutes at the demonstration, organised by the Jewish community relations Council of New York.

Koch has promised to protect Arab-American New Yorkers from threats of violence or destruction following the reported postings of anti-Arab banners and literature in parts of the city.

US-Arab panel: The Arab-American community was outraged on Wednesday when anti-Arab banners and literature showed up in several New York City neighbourhoods after an American hostage reportedly was murdered in Beirut.

"It's pure ignorance and racism," said Kate Scelye, a spokeswoman for the American-Arab anti-discrimination committee.

Unfortunately, when things flare up in the Middle East, innocent Americans of Arab descent are the targets of these attacks," she said.

Scelye called the banners and flyers a "racist backlash" in the wake of reports this week that Higgins had been hanged by a Shiite Muslim group in Lebanon.

On one of the major expressways, a white sheet scrawled with "Shiite hunting season opens today," was hung from a pedestrian bridge. It was covered with right ardent paint that looked like blood.

Another banner with "Let's F-14 Beirut" was draped from a bridge over another expressway. It was signed "loyal American of Bayside." Bayside is a part of New York City.

In another city section, scores of fliers full of racial epithets and death threats against Arab-Americans were left on door steps and posted on street corners.

Ortega, rivals sign accord

MANAGUA, Aug 5, (Agencies): President Daniel Ortega signed a landmark agreement with opposition politicians promising sweeping democratic reforms on the eve of a three-day summit of Central American presidents in Honduras.

The agreement, which Ortega said cleared the way for national elections next February and for the dismantling of the US-backed Contra rebels, came after a marathon overnight negotiating session and was signed only hours before Ortega left for the summit, which begins today.

Sandinista officials said Ortega would use yesterday's agreement, which includes a joint call for the demobilisation of the Contras, to persuade the presidents of Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala and El Salvador to approve a plan to dismantle the 10,000-strong Contra army based in southern Honduras.

"We have taken a very important step towards strengthening a pluralistic society," Ortega told the exhausted opposition politicians yesterday morning after nearly 23 hours of talks. "I hope the North American government will be respectful of this agreement between sovereign Nicaraguans and... will cease its policy of aggression."

Ortega gave in to several longstanding demands of the opposition to reach an agreement, promising to suspend military recruiting for six months before the elections, to release political prisoners after the Contras are dismantled, and to revoke or reform laws governing media, police and public order.

He also agreed to grant opposition parties a half-hour daily newscast on state television and conceded a list of 50 electoral reforms demanded by political parties to ensure the Feb 25, 1990 poll would be free and fair.

"These concessions are concessions for peace," Ortega said. "It is not a victory for any single political party."

Eli Altamirano, a negotiator for the National Opposition Union—a coalition of 12 parties—said his group was satisfied with the agreement, but would continue pressing for further reforms.

In Washington, Contra leaders met briefly yesterday at the White House with President George Bush, who reiterated his support for them, an administration spokesman said.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater noted the members of the Nicaraguan Resistance Political Commission had met in recent days with the presidents of Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala, as well as officials of the Organisation of American States and the United Nations.

"The commission has urged all parties concerned to take into account their view that any demobilisation plan must be strongly linked with democratic reforms," Fitzwater said. "The president endorses this view."

The Central American presidents pledged at their last summit, held in February in El Salvador, to dismantle the anti-Sandinista rebels if Ortega's Sandinista government held early elections and implemented other democratic reforms.

The foreign ministers of the five countries, meeting in Guatemala yesterday, said discussion of a plan to demobilise the Contras with help from the United Nations and the International Red Cross would be the first item on the agenda of the presidential summit.

Ortega, who was scheduled to travel to Honduras today, was expected to push for immediate implementation of the plan, but diplomatic sources said the other four leaders would probably delay the dismantling of the Contra forces until after the election next February.

Referendum: Opposition leaders, citing a statement in talks with the government of Panama's 3-month-old political crisis, called yesterday for a national referendum to let voters decide how to resolve the dispute.

Cuba has shown again it will resist the reforms sweeping the communist world when it banned two Soviet publications as too favourable towards Western democracy and capitalism.

Paz Zamora elected President by Bolivian Congress

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Aug 5, (AP): Former exile Jaime Paz Zamora was elected Bolivia's President today by the Congress after he agreed to forge a coalition government with a former dictator.

Luis Ossio Sanjines, leader of the Christian Democratic Party, was elected vice president by the Congress after a debate that began yesterday and ran into the early morning hours.

The balloting came two days after Paz Zamora, head of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left,

and former Bolivian dictator Hugo Banzer Suarez agreed to forge a coalition government.

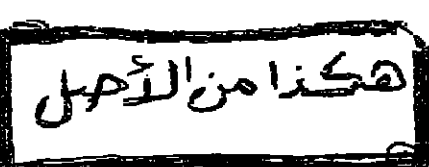
Paz Zamora and Banzer agreed on Wednesday to form a government with Paz Zamora as President and Sanjines, an ally of Banzer, as vice president.

The Congress sealed the deal today by electing Paz Zamora President and Sanjines Vice President.

Anticipating his election, Paz Zamora worked on Thursday and Friday to build confidence among business leaders for his intended programmes.

When his alliance with Banzer, a former adversary, was announced, there was a run on banks in Bolivia. IN two days, depositors had withdrawn \$13 million from the banks and the black market exchange rate rose 10 per cent.

Paz Zamora met with business and banking officials on Thursday, seeking to assure them that his government would maintain a free-market economy and a stabilisation programme already in place.



Solar car driven across US

No-gas autos to be sold in 2 years

WASHINGTON, Aug 5, (AP) — Zipping back and forth in front of the Capitol, the knee-high vehicle looked like a space age toy.

But senators who celebrated the completion of the no-fuel, cross-country journey of the prototype solar-powered vehicle are taking James Worden's creation seriously.

"This really is the wave of the future," said Sen. John F. Kerry.

With bemused tourists looking on, the three-wheeled vehicle was inspected on the Capitol lawn yesterday by lawmakers who hope solar-driven cars can eventually replace gas-burning autos.

Sen. Tim Wirth, pondering the possibilities of pollution-free solar cars, said traditional

automobiles produce their weight in carbon each year, emissions that add to air pollution and global warming.

The vehicle made the 3,200-mile (5,149-kilometre) trip from Los Angeles to Washington via the south in two weeks, setting a new world distance record for solar cars.

Worden, 22, the car's chief designer and one of four drivers, said his group is working on two solar powered cars — an economy model that would sell for about \$12,000 and a sports model for \$20,000. They would look like traditional autos, he said.

Worden hopes to have the cars in "semi-mass production" within two years.

"Our message is ... everyone can drive to work

and back in a solar car," said Worden, a 1989 graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who built his first solar-powered car while in high school.

The 270-pound (122-kilogramme) "Solectria" has a single-seat cockpit styled like the inside of a racing car, with the driver's legs extending straight forward and a tiny steering wheel.

An 11-foot (3.3 metre) by 6.5 foot (1.9 metre) rectangular solar panel sits flat atop the body, with a small bubble in the middle for the driver.

"It's actually comfortable," said Kerry.

The vehicle is powered by a small electric motor that can get the car up to 90 miles (144 kilometres) per hour, Worden said.



Trains collide

Two trains collided early on Friday in the Cuban city of Colon, killing at least 25 people and injuring about 100, the official Cuban news agency said.

The accident occurred about before dawn in Colon, about 60 miles (100 kilometres) east of Havana, and many of the injured were reported to be seriously hurt, according to the news agency Prensa Latina.

"People trapped inside the cars are receiving attention from medical teams," said the dispatch, which was monitored in Mexico City.

The Mexican government news agency Notimex reported the trains were respectively en route from Havana to Sancti Spiritus and from Camaguey to Havana when they collided at high speed, destroying both locomotives.

Rescue crews were searching the wreckage for other victims, according to the dispatch from the Mexican agency's Havana office.

Picture shows the wreckage of the two passenger trains after they crashed. Investigations are under way to determine the cause of the accident. (Reuters wirephoto)

New test detects AIDS virus

CHICAGO, Aug 5, (AP) — Abbott Laboratories is marketing a new test that detects the AIDS virus rather than the body's response to the virus and can reveal infection weeks earlier than currently used tests, the company said yesterday.

AIDS-virus tests now in use detect the presence of antibodies — proteins manufactured by white blood cells to fight invading organisms. Antibodies usually appear in a person's system six to 10 weeks after infection.

The new test detects AIDS antigens — proteins on the surface of the individuals virus. The new test can signal the presence of the antigens about two weeks after infection, a spokesman for the north Chicago-based company said.

"This test complements the antibody test. It does not replace the antibody test," said Dr. Harold Kessler, associate professor of medicine and director of the AIDS treatment programme at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center.

The test was approved Thursday for commercial sale by the US Food and Drug Administration, making it the only approved test for the AIDS virus in the country.

Though antigens are the first detectable sign of infection, they effectively "disappear" with the appearance of antibodies, which remain in the body. The antigen test is thus not always able to reveal the presence of infection.

'Hangar Queen' to fly

All systems go for launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Aug 5, (Agencies) — Countdown clocks began ticking early today for the rebuilt shuttle Columbia's long-awaited blastoff Tuesday on a hush-hush Pentagon mission to carry a spy satellite into orbit.

NASA test director Terry Willingham oversaw the start of the countdown, Columbia's first since the Challenger disaster, at 12:01 am (EDT) (0401) after a flurry of last-minute work to complete preparations at launch pad 39B.

Launch of the fifth post-Challenger flight — Columbia's eighth mission and the third shuttle flight this year — is scheduled for sometime between 7:30 am and 11:30 am Tuesday. The exact launch time is classified, along with the identity of Columbia's payload.

Sources have said, however, that liftoff is scheduled for around 8 am Tuesday and that Columbia's five-man, all-military crew will launch an advanced imaging reconnaissance satellite to spy on the Soviet Union.

Columbia spent much of the past 3-1/2 years as a "Hangar Queen," stripped of spare parts like an old car, but it's ready to fly again.

Columbia, the oldest space shuttle, last was launched on Jan 12, 1986, its seventh flight. It returned to Earth on Jan 18, and 10 days later its sister ship Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff, killing its crew of seven and grounding the remaining three shuttles.

The post-accident investigation

dictated more than 200 changes on each shuttle to improve safety and performance.

With a shortage of manpower and new parts, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration decided that Discovery and Atlantis, newer than Columbia and more easily refitted, would have priority in the overhaul.

For most of the time since then, Columbia languished in a hangar, with no engines, most of its protective skin torn away, no workers scrambling around on scaffolds. The once-proud spacecraft became a source of spare parts to Discovery and Atlantis could fly.

Workers once hung a "Hangar Queen" sign on Columbia because it never left its air-conditioned home.

Because of its age — it first flew in 1981 — Columbia also required the replacement of more than 3,000 of its heat protection tiles and the replacement of more than five miles (eight kilometres) of wiring.

Thirty-two months after the Challenger accident, on Sept 29, 1988, US astronauts returned to space aboard Discovery. Atlantis followed in December. Discovery flew again in March and Atlantis again in May.

Workers began in earnest last November to put Columbia back together, under the direction of Ann Montgomery, the first woman to manage the processing of a shuttle for launch.

NASA several months ago set July 31 as Columbia's launch date.

Italy faces Mafia crisis

ROME, Aug 5, (UPI) — Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti told parliament yesterday that organised crime in Italy has become an "authentic national emergency" and said all institutional resources must be mobilised to combat it.

The Mafia emergency is of such complexity and dangerousness that not even the highest commitment of the government can overcome it without the convinced and total participation of all the institutional resources," Andreotti said.

The 70-year-old Christian Democrat prime minister, whose government was installed in power by a vote of confidence in the chamber of deputies, reviewed government action to battle the growing scourge of organised crime in an address to parliament's joint anti-Mafia commission.

His exhaustive review followed similar reports made to the senate of Wednesday by Interior Minister Antonio Gava and Justice Minister Giuliano Vassalli.

In recent years successive Italian governments have struggled to contain a situation in which the drug-trafficking activities of the Mafia and similar organisations in Sicily, Calabria and the Neapolitan region of Campania have led prominent officials to say the state has lost control in these regions to the organised crime gangs.

A national outcry has been heightened in the past month by an investigation into anonymous letters circulating in Palermo's law courts accusing Sicily's top anti-Mafia figures who turn state's evidence.

The furor caused by the letters has caused the national press to dub the Palermo law courts "the palace of poisons" because of the web of intrigue revealed as a result of the anonymous letters, believed written by a member of the Palermo "pool" of anti-Mafia investigators.

The scandal is currently under investigation by Caltanissetta state attorney Salvatore Celesti and because of this Andreotti said he could not comment if it directly.

"The struggle against organised crime is a difficult battle which cannot be ended in a short space of time and which requires huge resources, because the enemy is powerful and is capable of continual mutations," Andreotti told the anti-Mafia commission.

The prime minister reviewed the full range of government action taken to combat the Mafia in recent months and years and spelled out new legislative and administrative action planned to strengthen those in the front line of the struggle.

"Starting from the school rooms, we must promote a new awareness of rights and duties and make every effort to create more jobs in order to remove many young people from the temptations and short cuts of illegality," he said.

Francesco Toscanino, identified as the head of the "Camorra," a crime organisation based in Naples, Italy, was arrested in Sao Paulo, federal police announced yesterday.

Marco Antonio Veronezzi, head of the federal police in Sao Paulo told reporters the 54-year-old Toscanino, who had served a prison term in the United States for drug trafficking, "co-ordinated, from Brazil, the Camorra's distribution of cocaine and heroin to Europe and the United States."



Chill out

A group of boys find a spot to cool off Friday afternoon in New York's Central Park as temperatures soared. (Reuters wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

DENVER: A concert violinist once billed as the "Mick Jagger of classical music" has reportedly entered a New Hampshire drug clinic after being arrested on drug charges last week in Massachusetts.

Susan Davis, the ex-wife of Eugene Fodor Jr, told the Denver Post that Fodor entered the clinic on Tuesday, but she did not identify it.

An official with New Hampshire's office of alcohol and drug abuse prevention told the Associated Press the state has at least 10 private substance abuse treatment programmes. Of the programme officials reached by telephone on Thursday and Friday none offered any information about Fodor being in treatment. (AP)

THE HAGUE: Dutch scientists are trying to find out whether pollution has made breast feeding hazardous for babies.

Scientists have discovered high levels of dioxin — one of the world's most toxic substances — in breast-fed babies. They believe mothers are eating food contaminated with dioxin and passing them on to their babies through their milk.

Abraham Brouwer of the toxicology department at Wageningen University said yesterday that scientists would monitor 100 breast-fed babies for a year after birth and compare their development with a control-group of bottle-fed babies. (Reuters)

KATMANDU: The government of Nepal yesterday gave permission for 60 expeditions from 15 nations to attempt climbs of 29 Himalayan mountains in 1989, including the world's highest peak, Mount Everest.

The Ministry of Tourism, which regulates climbing in Nepal, said five expeditions each from France, South Korea and Japan will attempt to scale 29,029-foot (8,838 m) Everest, using different routes.

France this September-November climbing season will field the most teams by sending 12 expeditions to the Nepal Himalayas. The United States is sending four teams.

A seven-member expedition led by Hoeman Aprin, 42, a mountain guide from Jackson, Wyoming, will attempt 25,295-foot (7,710m) Janna while Randall Harrington, 30, a park ranger from Seattle, Washington, will attempt 23,494-foot (7,161m) Pumori, leading a five-member team. (UPI)

TUCSON, Arizona: The five miners who kept prospector-cannibal Alfred G. Packer alive in the winter of 1874 were viciously beaten to death, but then their flesh was carefully cut from their bones, researchers say.

"What we have seen is not merely murder but butchery, a butchery at once wholesale, remorseless, unremitting and deliberate," said James E. Starrs, a professor of law and forensic science at George Washington University. He organised a scientific expedition that last month unearthed the bones of five men in southwestern Colorado's San Juan mountains.

The purpose of the expedition was to determine the circumstances of the deaths and resolve questions concerning Packer, a harness maker, guide and prospector from Utah who confessed to having eaten the men's remains. (AP)

WASHINGTON: President Bush hailed paraplegic Mark Wellman yesterday, noting he and his buddy, Mike Corbett, "captured the imagination of the whole country" with their dramatic climb up El Capitan Mountain in Yosemite National Park.

Wellman, seated in a wheelchair and accompanied by Corbett, his climbing partner, told Bush about their seven-day climb last week and presented the President with the American flag they carried up the sheer granite flank of El Capitan.

Wellman, 34, became a paraplegic last year in a climbing accident. Now director of handicapped access at Yosemite in central California, he is also the first paraplegic to climb the 3,600-foot (1,100-m) El Capitan. (UPI)

BRUSSELS, Belgium: Belgium's Army may be small, but it's getting fatter all the time.

Over the last decade, recruits gained an average of 2.5 kilograms (5.5 pounds) to reach 70.4 kilos (154.9 pounds), while their average height remained at 1.77 metres (5.8 feet).

"The youngsters have lost their appetite for physical efforts," said Defence Minister Guy Coeque.

To keep the Army trim and ready, Coeque introduced a new sports programme, officials said yesterday.

It aims to be a health plan for the youngsters," Coeque said. "We have to improve their liking for sports and make it a habit." (AP)

NEW YORK: Fans of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis can troop two miles (3.2 kilometres) Sunday past the building where she lives, churches where she has worshipped and even the supermarket where her staff buys groceries.

"She was always a popular stop on our celebrity homes tour," said Sam Stafford founder of Sidewalk of New York. He decided an all-Jackie walking tour was merited because of her 60th birthday and the new book about her.

Other venues will include Mrs Onassis' florist, drug-store, bank and favourite shops; the Carlyle Hotel, where president John F. Kennedy allegedly had trysts with Marilyn Monroe; the Pierre Hotel, where Aristotle Onassis kept a suite; and the homes of her daughter, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, and other relatives.

Stafford did exhaustive research. (AP)

Segregation isolates US blacks from mainstream

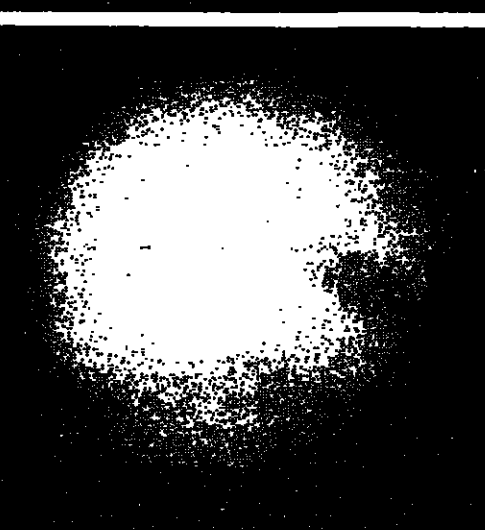
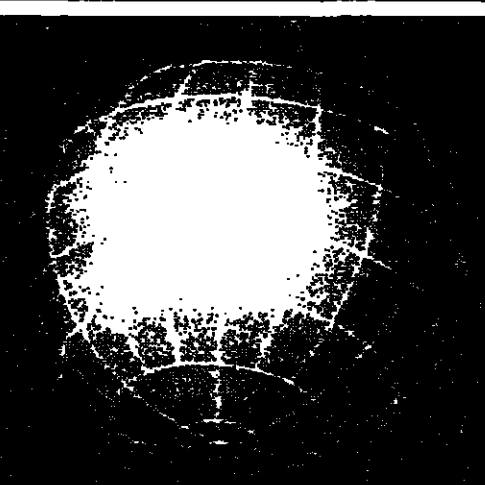
CHICAGO, Aug 5, (AP) — Layers of discrimination against blacks in the nation's big cities are creating a separate and underachieving society, isolated from the mainstream of the United States, a new study has found.

Blacks in big cities, unlike Hispanics, face multiple forms of racial discrimination, generally relating to housing patterns, that prevent many of them from coming in contact with whites, according to the study, released Thursday by University of Chicago professors Douglas Massey and Nancy Denton.

They call such discrimination "hyper-segregation."

"There are a small set of cities in the United States where blacks experience more extreme segregation than believed in the past," said Massey, a professor of sociology and director of the school's population research centre.

"It is like ... two different nations," he said. In the study, published in yesterday's editions of Demography, the journal of Washington-based Population Association of America, Massey and Denton used data gathered



Closer looks at Neptune

Photographs of the planet Neptune taken by Voyager 2 show the planet's Great Dark Spot. In the top photo latitude and longitude grids were added for reference. In the bottom photo the image has been enhanced to show details more clearly. (Reuters wirephoto)

On track

Man run over by train lives

PORTLAND, Maine, Aug 5, (UPI) — A man lying on railroad tracks, was run over by as many as three locomotives of a freight train yesterday, but lived to tell about what authorities called an amazing survival.

The man, identified as Brian Corliss, 33, was lying on the tracks at about 2:20 am when a freight train approached, officials said.

The engineer saw the man and applied the brakes, but was unable to stop, said Geoffrey Wade, a spokesman for Guilford Transportation Industries in Billerica, Massachusetts, the train's owners.

"I believe he was run over by two or three locomotives," Wade said. "They applied the brakes and almost stopped (in time). It was travelling at a fairly slow speed. They reached very quickly ... (but) two or three locomotives passed over him before it stopped."

Corliss was taken to Maine Medical Centre in Portland.

"His condition is fair and that in and of itself after being hit by a train is unusual," said Judy Stone, vice-president for nursing at the hospital. "His prognosis is quite good."

Stone declined to elaborate on the nature of Corliss's injuries.

"It's amazing that he was able to survive," Wade said.

Portland Police said they did not know what Corliss was doing on the tracks, but a police spokesman said there were reports he may have passed out.

No injuries were reported aboard the train, which was travelling at about 10 mph (16 kph) when it ran over the man, Wade said.

Sexual conduct inquiry planned

WASHINGTON, Aug 5, (UPI) — The House of Representatives Ethics Committee announced yesterday it would begin inquiries into charges of sexual misconduct by representatives Donald Lukens, Gus Savage and Jim Bates.

The complaint against Lukens, 58, Republican of Ohio, was filed by the House Republican Conference, consisting of all House Republican members. The complaint was based on charges he had sexual relations with a minor girl.

Lukens was convicted in May on a misdemeanor charge of contributing to the unruliness of a minor. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail but is appealing the conviction.

Lukens served in the House from 1967 to 1971 and returned in 1987.

Lukens' press aide, Bill Jarrell, said, "We knew it was something that was coming. We welcome a clear, fair and thorough investigation in which the motives and background of his accusers will come out."

The complaint against Savage, 63, Democrat of Illinois, was filed by three fellow Democratic members following news stories that Savage fondled a female Peace Corps volunteer while on an official trip to Zaire in March.

The woman said that after a dinner at the US ambassador's residence in Kinshasa, she accompanied Savage and several other people on a tour of nightclubs. As she rode in the back of a chauffeured car, Savage repeatedly fondled her despite her strong protests, she said.

Savage told reporters two weeks ago, "I did nothing, that's what I did. This lie was leaked by the State Department for political reasons."

"They tried to destroy Dr Martin Luther King with a lie ... I'm in good company," he said at the time.

In a complaint filed with the ethics panel last October, two former aides accused Bates, Democrat of California, of sexually harassing female members of his staff. Bates, 48, was first elected to Congress in 1982.

The staff members complained Bates made sexually explicit comments to them and, in some cases, embraced them or made other physical contact they found objectionable.

Bates said he hopes the committee will resolve the matter quickly.

"It has been almost a year that this matter has been pending and it's long overdue to be resolved," Bates said. "I look forward to the committee moving quickly to handle the matter and I intend to co-operate with them in any way."

The ethics committee, formally known as the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, voted during a meeting Thursday to begin the preliminary inquiries. The decision was announced yesterday after the three members were notified.

Women talk on abortion

ST. PAUL, Minnesota, Aug 5, (AP) — The battle over abortion in the United States will involve young people today as the Vietnam war did in the 1960s, former US Rep Bella Abzug told female political activists.

"Abortion is the Vietnam of this nation for young people everywhere," Abzug told the opening session of the National Women's Political Caucus' biennial convention.

Abzug, a former Democratic Representative from New York and a founder of the caucus 18 years ago, was the first of several speakers who are expected to address the abortion issue. The caucus runs through tomorrow.

On Thursday, Democratic National Committee Chairman Ron Brown told the steering committee that the Democrats lost a chance to win the 1988 presidential election by not doing more to garner votes from women.

Dead hero's image tarnished

Hungary aghast at new theory

BUDAPEST, Aug 5, (Reuters) — Hungary is aghast at the idea that national poet Sandor Petofi may not have died the heroic revolutionary death ascribed to him for 140 years.

Most Hungarians thought — and were taught — that Petofi was killed by Russian troops in 1849 aged 26. Now a privately-funded team of experts says he died in Russia seven years later and may even have married into the enemy camp.

"God preserve us from the absurdity that he died the son-in-law of a Siberian postmaster" exclaimed an article in the government daily Magyar Hirlap on Tuesday.

"Could that be a revolutionary symbol for us?" Legend and textbooks have it that Petofi fell with the Army rank of major in what is now Romania on July 31, 1849, during a battle against forces of the Russian Tsar Nicholas I.

The Tsar was helping the Austrians put down the Hungarian Revolution launched after Petofi read out twelve points for freedom, democracy and national independence on the steps of the National Museum in Budapest.

But now a 20-man expedition financed by maverick Hungarian entrepreneur Ferenc Morvai says it unearthed Petofi's body last month in a cemetery at Barguzin, Siberia.

Morvai believes Petofi was taken to Siberia as a Russian prisoner, settled there, died of blood-

poisoning and was buried under his Russified name of Alexander Petrovitch in 1856. Local research suggests he may even have married and had a son.

Such a rewrite of history would embarrass an army of academics and museum-keepers who are happy with the conventional Petofi story.

It would also destroy much of the romance around the frail and soulful youth whose poem "Magyars Arise" has inspired millions of Hungarians for 140 years.

"Morvai and his companions are trying to deprive the nation of ... the proud revolutionary poet of genius who rejected compromise, betrayal and cowardice," Magyar Hirlap complained.

The body has been identified by a 20-strong team including American, Soviet and Hungarian anthropologists, though further tests will be made to seek to convince sceptics.

Morvai hopes to bring the bones home for reburial as soon as possible and to rebury them in the poet's birthplace — the small southern town of Kiskoros.

"I think a new spirit linked with Hungary's past would start with Petofi's funeral," he told a news conference in Budapest this week after returning from the Soviet Union.

"If people do not care about their past, this nation cannot expect anything of the future."

INTERNATIONAL

NEWS IN BRIEF

Submarine fire

LONDON, Aug 5. (KUNA): Fire broke out on a nuclear submarine on the Clyde Naval Base in Scotland early today, the British Ministry of Defence has said.

The blaze, on board the Navy's oldest nuclear submarine Valiant was put out in a quarter of an hour, a spokesman said.

The fire was in diesel generators and "was nothing to do with the nuclear side of things," he added.

Smoke was seen rising from the vessel by people in a camp outside the Faslane base.

There was no risk of radioactive leak and no danger to the crew or the public, the spokesman went on.

Newspaper moves

LONDON, Aug 5. (KUNA): Fleet Street loses another newspaper this weekend when the Daily Mail moves across London to Kensington, central London.

The Mail's new home is in a former department store, Barkers, which has undergone a 40 million pounds refurbishment to house the Daily newspaper and its sister the Evening Standard and the Mail on Sunday which are already there.

The move out of Fleet Street was started by the Australian tycoon, Robert Murdoch, who took The Times, Sunday Times, The Sun and The News of the World to Docklands, east London.

The move east was followed by the Daily Telegraph, which went to the Isle of Dogs. Docklands also houses the printings sites for the Daily Mail, The Guardian, and the Daily Express.

Lithuanian flies

LONDON, Aug 5. (Reuters): A Lithuanian lorry driver bypassed the Soviet Union's five-year waiting list for a new Lada car and flew to Britain to pick one up second-hand.

Jyblaf Rimantas flew from Lithuania, with his aunt as translator, and picked up a Soviet-designed Lada Riva for 725 pounds sterling (\$1,164). It could have cost him \$10,000 in the Soviet Union.

Lada's spokesman in Britain, Roger Mercer, said Rimantas would end up laps ahead because people in the Soviet Union will pay more for second-hand Ladas than for new cars to avoid the waiting list.

UN commissioner

GENEVA, Aug 5. (Reuters): A United Nations panel plans to propose a universal declaration on the rights of tribal and nomadic peoples, with a special commissioner to be appointed to hear their complaints, the panel chairwoman said yesterday.

Erica-Irene Dae of Greece told a news conference proposals by her five-member working group on indigenous peoples would be submitted to a four-week session opening next Monday at the UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Dae said some governments were unhappy about the idea of special UN commissioner for the rights of Indigenous Peoples, arguing that existing procedures in UN human rights bodies were adequate to hear complaints.

Nurses black eye

LONDON, Aug 5. (KUNA): British Employment Minister Tim Eggar has started a police investigation over an incident that left him nursing a black eye. It was reported here today.

Eggar, 37, was the victim of an "unknown assailant" in an incident about a week ago, British officials said.

But no other official details were being given, not even which of the minister's eyes was damaged, nor the whereabouts or nature of the incident.

But the British press reported today that he was involved in a row over flowers outside his home.

"He was left with cuts and broken teeth after being punched and head-butted," said the popular newspaper "Today."

Winners named

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 5. (UPI): The presidents of two land-locked African countries were named winners of the Africa prize for leadership Thursday for carrying out programmes aimed at eradicating hunger.

Presidents Quett Masire of Botswana and Bernard Ledea Ouedraogo of Burkina Faso won the annual award at ceremonies staged simultaneously by satellite in Dakar, capital of Senegal, in Washington and at the UN headquarters in New York.

The winners were announced in New York by Bradford Morse, a former US Congressman and UN official in charge of Third World development programmes.

Morse said Masire's skilful management during the 1981-87 drought, the worst in Botswana's history, provided adequate food supplies throughout his nation.

Urged to abandon

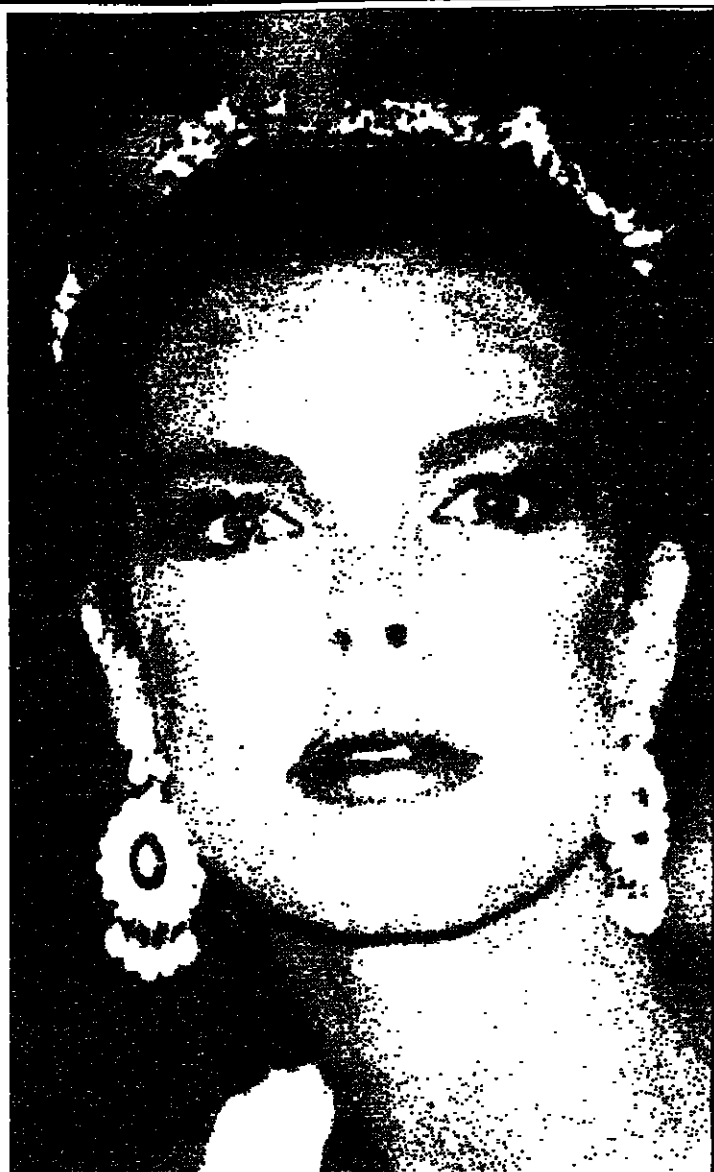
WASHINGTON, Aug 5. (AP): An American Bar Association committee that includes administration officials for former presidents Richard M. Nixon and Jimmy Carter urged the Congress on Thursday to abandon efforts to outlaw desecration of the US flag.

The committee said the nation's commitment to freedom of expression will be damaged by any attempt to reverse a US supreme court ruling that US citizens have a right to burn the flag as a political protest.

Police harassment

LOS ANGELES, Aug 5. (AP): Owners of a pro-communist bookstore have asked the police commission to investigate their claim that police have harassed, intimidated and spied on the staff and discouraged customers.

A complaint was filed Tuesday on behalf of Libros Revolution by the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of southern California.



All decked up!

Princess Caroline of Monaco appears during the traditional Red Cross Ball on August 4. (Reuters wirephoto)

US anti-drug plan drafted

Users beware

WASHINGTON, Aug 5. (AP): National anti-drug chief William J. Bennett is targeting drug users as he aims to develop a strategy to halt the nation's drug crisis.

In a draft of his national drug strategy, obtained yesterday, Bennett outlines plans to have users arrested, embarrassed and fined. He wants them to lose their driver's licences, their cars, their federal grants.

And he wants them to get treatment, even if they don't want it, saying, "It is time to re-examine the premise that voluntary drug treatment should continue to be the mainstay of our treatment system."

The strategy calls on states to "consider expanding the use of 'civil commitment,' whereby addicts are sent by the courts to residential treatment facilities. Upon their release, they are required to participate in carefully monitored outpatient programmes."

The judicial procedures required in many states for such involuntary commitment "are exceedingly cumbersome," and the draft says the federal government will propose a model state drug-abuse commitment law.

The plan includes what Bennett referred to last week as incentives.

If states want full funding for federal highway projects, they must adopt policies to revoke the drivers' licences of people convicted of a drug offence, the strategy says.

If states want federal criminal justice funds, they must adopt drug-testing programmes for everyone arrested, imprisoned, paroled or freed on bail.

If schools, colleges and universities want federal money, they must institute firm drug-abuse prevention programmes, according to the strategy.

The proposal calls for a 49 per cent increase in federal money for drug-abuse treatment for 1990, from the current \$621 million to \$925 million.

Plan to cut flights draws fire

BONN, Aug 5. (AP): A proposal to reduce flights to and from West Berlin prompted criticism by federal officials yesterday that it would increase the enclave's isolation from the West.

The West Berlin coalition government, led by the left-leaning Social Democrats, wants 36 daily flights eliminated to reduce noise and exhaust emissions from jetliners, spokesman Werner Kolhoff said.

But the proposal, which would reduce air traffic by about 15 per cent, is facing staunch federal opposition.

Herbert Schmulling, a federal government spokesman, said air traffic is the only uncontrolled access to West Berlin, a Western enclave more than 100 miles (160 kilometres) inside communist East Germany.

The United States, Britain and France formally administer West Berlin under post-World War II agreements.

Senate snarls at North's pension request

WASHINGTON, Aug 5. (AP): US Senate debate over a routine spending bill was shattered yesterday when Conservatives tried using it to restore Oliver North's \$23,000 annual pension, forfeited after his felony convictions in the Iran-Contra affair.

The proposal, sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms, a north Carolina Republican, would exempt the former White House aide from a law denying retirement pay to officials convicted of destroying government documents, one of three felonies of which North was found guilty.

Democrats, reluctant to force a vote on the con-

troversial former Marine lieutenant colonel, instead halted consideration of the spending bill. The \$18.4 billion measure, for the treasury and postal service for fiscal 1990, appeared likely to be abandoned until after the congressional recess, scheduled to begin today and last until Sept 6.

Helms complained that the government spent \$40 million "not only to prosecute but the persecute" North. He cited North's service in Vietnam, where he won a bronze star, a silver star and two purple hearts.

Panel to probe Pan Am blast

WASHINGTON, Aug 5. (UPI): After months of pressure from relatives of victims of the bombing of Pan Am flight 103, President Bush said yesterday he will create a commission on aviation security and terrorism that will concentrate on the disaster.

The Pan Am Jumbo jet exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec 21, 1988, killing 270 people. Investigators have concluded the disaster was caused by a bomb concealed in a radio cassette player that evaded detection by airport security.

A criminal investigation is being conducted by the Justice Department. No one has been charged yet.

In announcing the creation of the commission, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said it would lay "particular emphasis" on the Pan Am crash. The seven-member commission, which will include four members of Congress from both parties, also will study how to prevent and handle terrorist acts involving aviation and will evaluate the adequacy of existing procedures for aviation security.

security.

In addition, the commission will make recommendations regarding policies and laws concerning the families of the victims of terrorist acts," he said.

The commission's report will be due within six months after it begins work.

Relatives of victims met with Bush April 3 and testified at several Congressional hearings this spring urging the creation of an independent commission to investigate events leading up to the bombing.

Air Force officer detained in Texas

Suspected of selling secrets

SAN ANTONIO, Aug 5. (Agencies): An Air Force officer suspected of security violations — news reports claim he sold data from one of the most sensitive US electronic eavesdropping stations in the world — was being held yesterday at a Texas air base, authorities said.

Spokesmen at Kelly Air Force base would not comment on the nature of the investigation, but American television, NBC news, quoted unidentified sources yesterday as saying Air Force Capt. John Vladimir Hirsch, 33, is suspected of violating security procedures at a communications monitoring station in Berlin.

"He had a top-secret clearance which allowed him access to areas working with top-secret information," said Baker, who described Hirsch's job as engineering and maintenance duties at base buildings.

She did not know when the investigation began, only that it started "fairly recently," and involves suspected violations of security in Berlin. She refused to comment when asked if the case involved espionage.

Prompted

NBC said Hirsch last week failed a lie detector test, which was prompted by suspicious behaviour, the television network said.

Hirsch was flown to the Texas base on Sunday, Baker said.

"Something unusual about captain Hirsch's activities turned up in an usual security review. I can't get into specifics," she said. "There was something unusual about his behaviour. That's what prompted the investigation."

No charges have been filed, but Hirsch is restricted to the officer's quarters at Kelly AFB while the Air Force office of special investigations questions him.

"He's being restricted. He's not in a stockade or anything like that," she said.

Hirsch's unit was responsible for gathering intelligence on East bloc radar and radio communications, NBC said.

When the Air Force searched Hirsch's home in Berlin, authorities found uncashed Air Force paychecks, several bank accounts of more than \$120,000, photographs of NATO military installations and other classified documents, NBC said. NATO documents also were found in the officer's car, NBC said.



Thatcher visit

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher wears special glasses to see a computer screen image in 3-D while visiting the Oxford Centre for Molecular Sciences a new venture into interdisciplinary research. (Reuters wirephoto)



Crash site

A helicopter overflies the site where the twin engine Olympic Aviation aircraft crashed. (Reuters wirephoto)

Greek scandal probe

ATHENS, Greece, Aug 5. (AP): A special parliamentary committee proposed yesterday that a former Socialist minister should be charged with complicity in an agricultural scandal that defrauded the European Economic Community.

The 12-member investigating committee alleged former deputy Finance Minister Nikos Athanassopoulos was involved in the forgery of harbour logs and customs invoices that purported to show 9,000 tonnes of Yugoslav maize sold to the EEC in 1986 were Greek.

Parliament Speaker Athanasios Tsaldaris said yesterday that the debate on the proposal will probably be held on Aug 22 or 23.

The committee's report indicated that Athanassopoulos had tried to cover-up for whoever was behind the scheme that cheated the EEC of import duties on the maize and prompted it to pay subsidies for the ostensible Greek produce.

The European court issued a ruling against Greece in May this year, citing lost revenues of \$180 million drachmas (\$1.16 million). Sentence is expected later this year.

The committee was set up on July 13 to evaluate claims made against the former minister of Andreas Papandreu's defeated Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK).

The five PASOK members on the committee voted against the proposal. It was supported by the six conservative New Democracy Party members and the single deputy of the communist-dominated coalition of the left and progress on the committee.

Supreme Soviet opens

Lawmakers hailed

MOSCOW, Aug 5. (AP): President Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday hailed the lawmakers body he had revamped, pointing proudly to its intensity and dissent as hallmarks of democracy.

"The Supreme Soviet has become not a parade but a working legislative body," he told lawmakers gathered in the Kremlin, who were wrapping up their inaugural session.

The new legislature met during a stormy period. During the session, ethnic violence flared in several republics and hundreds of thousands of coal miners walked off their jobs.

"Not one quiet day," was how Gorbachev described it in a 40-minute concluding speech, in which he praised the lawmakers for passing important laws and beginning true government oversight.

The Supreme Soviet was once dominated by communist functionaries who approved government proposals with no criticism.

But under Gorbachev's political reforms, it was shaped into a full-time legislature with new powers of generating legislation and reviewing candidates for top government jobs.

In earlier speeches, Gorbachev called the Supreme Soviet and its larger parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies, a "school

of democracy." But by the session's end, he said yesterday, "it was a whole university."

During a session that started June 26, the Supreme Soviet rejected several cabinet nominees and approved legislation to increase pensions and grant a measure of economic independence to the Baltic republics.

Gorbachev pressed the legislature on its final day to approve a resolution strengthening the fight against a burgeoning crime rate.

Under the measure, the number of Interior Ministry soldiers will be increased "in case of mass disobedience by criminal elements."

Interior Ministry soldiers that have been called in to restore order when ethnic violence has broken out in several Soviet republics.

Local ad hoc groups of police, prosecutors, and court officials will organise the anti-crime effort, and Vice-President Anatoly Lukyanov will oversee it.

Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov told reporters that government ministers and cancelled their summer holidays, which traditionally being in August, to work on implementing the new legislation.

Protests over papal covenant remark

NEW YORK, Aug 5. (Reuters): A Jewish organisation yesterday sought clarification of what it called "unavoidably prejudicial" remarks by Pope John Paul, saying they implied the Jewish people no longer had a covenant with God.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith said the Pope's remarks, delivered in English at an audience this week, implied that the Jewish covenant with God had been broken, superseded by the Christian covenant.

Friction has emerged between Jews and the Vatican in recent years over such issues as the Pope's meetings with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim and gestures that some Jews have seen as insensitive to Jewish suffering.

According to a Vatican text, Pope John Paul said: "The history of the Old Testament shows many instances of Israel's infidelity to God. Hence God sent the prophets as his messengers to call the people to conversion, to warn them of their hardness of heart and to foretell a new covenant still to come."

"The new covenant... was established through Christ's redemptive sacrifice and through the power of the Holy Spirit."

The Pope, according to the text distributed by the ADL, added: "This 'perfect gift from above' descends to fill the hearts of all people and to gather them into the church, constituting them the people of God of the new and everlasting covenant."



Mpethe: turns 80

In Cape Town

Political prisoner turns 80

CAPE TOWN, Aug 5. (Agencies): South Africa's oldest political prisoner, Oscar Mpethe, turned 80 today in Cape Town's Groote Schuur Hospital, where he has been held since an operation in 1987 to amputate a leg.

Mpethe is a prominent trade unionist, a former leader of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) and a co-president of the United Democratic Front, which was banned in 1988.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is among Western leaders who have appealed in South Africa to release him on humanitarian grounds.

Messages of support and appeals for his freedom were published in anti-government South African newspapers this week from Britain's Trades Union Congress and Transport and General Workers' Union and from the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in Belgium.

South Africa's Mass Democratic Movement (MDM), a coalition of anti-apartheid groups, urged supporters to flock to the hospital today to sing under Mpethe's window.

His daughter, Esther, said she had made a cake for him in the black, green and gold colours of the ANC. She planned to take a nephew and niece to deliver it to him today.

Mpethe was convicted of terrorism in 1983 for his part in a black uprising in Cape Town's Nyanga township. The judge imposed the minimum five-year sentence for the crime but sent Mpethe home pending appeal on bail of one rand (45 US cents).

"The end of his life is too near for such punishment to be of any benefit to him or to society," the judge said.

Mpethe's appeal was rejected four years later and he was taken by police in 1987 to begin serving his sentence in Cape Town's maximum-security Pollsmoor Prison.

Shortly afterwards he became seriously ill with diabetes and was taken to hospital, where a leg was amputated.

Irritated by news reports about the recent slaying of an American tourist, Kenya is beefing up security in its national parks, and trying to reassure visitors.

The increased security in the East African nation's famed game reserves comes amid a clamour by politicians and the press over what is seen as unfair treatment by Western news media.

Thousands of mourners defied armed South African police today to bury two African National Congress (ANC) activists in a funeral that turned sour after more than four hours of tense confrontation.

Police tolerated open defiance of orders forbidding political statements and banners at the funeral for student activists Coline Williams, 22, and Robbie Waterwitch, 20.

A Cape Town suburb which has been a symbol of opposition to apartheid since the government evicted thousands of on-whites 20 years ago may once again become multiracial.

Rumpus over Gandhi's statue and British-made canopy

NEW DELHI, India, Aug 5, (AP) — Mohandas K. Gandhi spurned everything British as the leader of India's struggle for independence from the colonial rulers.

So nationalists got up in arms when the government decided to carry through with a 20-year-old proposal to put his statue under a canopy where a statue of Britain's King George V once stood.

The government suggested tearing down the canopy to half criticism, a

proposal that upset architects.

"The canopy is part of history. To demolish it is a primitive approach. It is not the approach of a civilised society," said Manish Rana, a former government architect.

In 1969, the Indian Parliament proposed erecting a memorial to Gandhi under the sandstone canopy built during the 1920s by British architect Sir Edwin Lutyens in central New Delhi.

The plan was dormant until the current government of Prime Minister

Rajiv Gandhi hired a sculptor to create a 5-metre (15-foot) bronze statue to be placed under the canopy on Oct 2, the 120th anniversary of Mohandas Gandhi's birth. The two Gandhis are not related.

Mohandas Gandhi, revered by Indians as Mahatma, or "the great soul," was the most prominent leader of the freedom movement that secured India's independence from Britain in 1947.

"How can you put Mahatma Gan-

dhi, who personified the defiance to the British, under a symbol of British dominion?" asked Satish Gujral, a sculptor and mural artist.

The 21-metre-high (70-foot) canopy is at the end of a wide tree-lined avenue about two kilometres (1.2 miles) from the residential palace. A few yards (metres) away stands India Gate, the country's memorial to soldiers killed during World War I.

The statue is nearly finished. But the controversy surrounding the canopy

has derailed the planned October unveiling, said a senior official of the Public Works Department.

Edgar Ribeiro, an urban planner and a director at the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, agreed and said more public debate was needed before a decision could be made.

But he added: "If the President can live under a Lutyens building and parliamentarians can function in a Lutyens structure, why not Mahatma

Gandhi?"

Most public buildings in New Delhi, including the beige-and-red sandstone parliament and the government headquarters flanking the presidential palace, were designed by Lutyens and Herbert Baker.

The two architects were hired to design and build the new capital of British India, New Delhi, which was formally inaugurated in January 1931. The previous capital was the eastern city of Calcutta.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chinese appointed

HONG KONG, Aug 5, (AP) — Li Kwan-Ha has been appointed the first Chinese commissioner of police in this British colony. The government announced today.

Li, 52, will head the 27,000-member Royal Hong Kong Police Force during the crucial transition period leading to 1997, when Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule.

A police spokesman said Li will take over upon the resignation of present commissioner Raymond H. Anning Dec 1.

Li is expected to promote more Chinese officers to senior posts as part of the government's programme to localise the civil service. Expatriates dominate the high-ranking posts in the police force, although 98 per cent of Hong Kong's population are ethnic Chinese.

Muslim university

BEIJING, Aug 5, (Reuters) — China, with 15 million Muslims, has opened its first Islamic University, the official New China News Agency said today.

The Muslim Cultural Training University in the historic city of Xian offers two-year courses in Arabic, law and English, as well as "workshops for Muslim entrepreneurs."

Muslims and other religious believers were harshly persecuted in the 1960s, during Mao Tse-Tung's radical cultural revolution but some churches, mosques and temples have been allowed to reopen over the past 10 years.

According to earlier official reports, China has eight institutes of Islamic theology and 23,000 mosques.

Nuclear waste sites

BEIJING, Aug 5, (AP) — China plans to begin construction of nuclear waste storage sites in eight provinces to handle its growing production of radioactive material, an official report said today.

Nuclear dumps already have been built in 12 provinces, the China Daily said. It quoted Luo Guozhen of the State Environmental Protection Bureau as saying that only major regions will not have waste sites.

The situation is quite alarming. We are trying our best to evacuate the marooned people, but we don't have enough speed boats," said another official who visited the area yesterday.

Many people were stranded on roofs with flood waters around them and some had built makeshift bamboo platforms, he said.

"Many people have grain, but they have no dry place to cook," he said, declining to be identified.

The flood forecasting centre said water was receding in the Kushiara River in Zakiganj, but was still above the danger level.

Diplomatic offensive

HARARE, Zimbabwe, Aug 5, (AP) — China's foreign minister, on the third leg of a diplomatic offensive in Africa, yesterday defended his nation's actions against pro-democracy demonstrators and said he believed any Western sanctions against China will be ineffective.

The June 3 assault by Chinese troops on demonstrators in Beijing's Tiananmen Square meant some Western investment projects were delayed, the Minister, Qian Qichen, said.

"But they will be continued as soon as conditions are right," he added. He did not identify projects affected by the military crackdown on student unrest that left hundreds, or possibly thousands, of people dead.

Qian said the military ended riots "created by the interference of foreign forces and complications in the top leadership" in China.

Cambodia polls

ROME, Aug 5, (Reuters) — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, whose country risks civil war after Vietnam withdraws its troops, was quoted today as saying he wanted elections within three months of the pullout to avoid instability.

Hun Sen, interviewed in Paris during negotiations on ending two decades of Cambodian turmoil, told the Italian newspaper La Repubblica that he did not want normalisation to drag on after the pullout, scheduled to take place by Sept 27.

"That would create instability which could damage national reconciliation. We want elections to be held within three months," Hun Sen said.

Diplomats say the Vietnamese withdrawal could unleash civil war as the Moscow- and Hanoi-backed government and three guerrilla factions, dominated by the hardline leftist Khmer Rouge, test their strength.

KAL 74th victim

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug 5, (AP) — A South Korean construction worker, injured in the crash of a Korean air jetliner in Libya, died today, bringing to 80 the total number of people killed in the disaster, government officials said.

Officials at the Transportation Ministry identified the latest victim as Lee Jong-Kyu, 27, an employee of Dong-Ah Construction Co. in Seoul. Lee died at a hospital in Tripoli, Libya early today, they said.

His death brings to 74 the number of passengers who were killed when the KAL DC-10 from Seoul crashed in dense fog a few hundred metres (yards) short of Tripoli Airport on July 27.

Defectors to leave

SEOUL, Aug 5, (Reuters) — A Chinese Army officer and his wife who defected across the border from North Korea last weekend will be sent to the United States next week, the South Korean news agency Yonhap said today.

Foreign Ministry officials declined to comment on the report and US embassy officials were not available.

Yonhap quoted an unnamed government official as saying Major Zuo Xuikai and his wife were seeking asylum in the United States and the South Korean government would send the couple there around August 10.

Clean up LDP, ask candidates

Race for premiership begins

TOKYO, Aug 5, (AP) — The race for prime minister began in earnest today with the three candidates calling for a cleanup of their scandal-plagued party, and the front-runner taking a conciliatory tone on trade tensions with the United States.

On Tuesday the governing Liberal Democratic Party, in a secret ballot, will elect a new leader to become Japan's third prime minister this year.

When the nominations deadline passed this morning, there were three candidates, none of them especially well-known.

Toshiki Kaifu, 58, is a former education minister whom analysts see as the strongest contender because he is backed by large factions in the party.

One of them will replace Prime Minister Sosuke Uno, who is resigning to take responsibility for the party's crushing defeat July 23 in elections for the upper house of parliament.

Uno took office June 2, succeeding Noboru Takeshita, who resigned in the Recruit Co. bribery scandal that has tainted most of the leaders of the party.

Young, energetic and have power to act," Kaifu said in an 80-minute televised news conference at which the three candidates answered questions prepared in advance.

They all said they favour party political reforms, continuing Japan's ban on rice imports and reviewing the new 3 per cent sales tax that was a major factor in the party's steep decline in popularity.

They did not attack each other openly, instead often saying they shared the previous speaker's opinion.

Hayashi came close to attacking the front-runner by saying the party's decision-making should become more open in order to win back the voters' trust. Hayashi's candidacy emerged



Three candidates for the presidency of Japan's LDP attend a joint news conference at the LDP headquarters in Tokyo today. L-R Former Transport Minister Shintaro Ishihara, former Education Minister Toshiki Kaifu and former Health and Welfare Minister Yoshino Hayashi. (Reuters wirephoto)

only after it seemed there might be only one candidate — Kaifu, the nominee put forward by a combination of big factions.

The party leader will be confirmed as prime minister Wednesday on the strength of the Liberal Democrats' big majority in the lower house of parliament, which chooses the head of government.

But since the party lost its upper-house majority in the recent election, the Liberal Democrats may face the embarrassment for the first time of a socialist-led majority in the upper house refusing to endorse the winner from the lower house.

"Political reform is urgently needed to restore the public trust in politics and overcome the current crisis," Kaifu said. However, he gave no details of his reform plans.

While Hayashi said he was clear of any link to the Recruit Co. conglomerate that is accused of trying to bribe politicians and others in the scandal that caused Takeshita's downfall, front-runner Kaifu has confirmed he received about 15 million yen (\$110,000) in legal donations from Recruit over five years.

Ishihara said Recruit had purchased 3 million yen (\$21,700) worth of tickets to symposiums he organised. The money was returned to Recruit after the scandal emerged, even though the donations were legal, he said.

Kaifu and Ishihara said there was nothing illegal in their Recruit links, but the Nagasaki prefecture (province) branch of the party late today called on them to clear up the matter or the Nagasaki delegate would boycott Tuesday's vote.

In a statement issued earlier, Kaifu pledged to maintain the US-Japan security treaty, which the socialist opposition has come out against.

Asked at the news conference about trade tension with the United States, Kaifu said Japan's trade surplus has been declining and called for a calm approach.

Ishihara, reflecting his strong nationalism, was more blunt, saying Japan should reject unreasonable US demands and blaming "a lack of competitiveness in US products" for the trade imbalance.

Outlaws used Suu: Rangoon

RANGOON, Burma, Aug 5, (AP) — The military government claimed today that detained opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi had been exploited by the outlawed Burma Communist Party in its bid to seize power.

Ma Suu Kyi was put under house arrest two weeks ago.

"Aung San Suu Kyi has underestimated the communists around her and she was the unwitting victim of communist manipulations," the secretary of the ruling council, Brig. Gen. Khin Nyunt, said in a six-hour speech to reporters.

Ma Suu Kyi is general secretary of the main opposition party, The National League for Democracy. She appears to pose the greatest challenge to the government in elections authorities have promised for early next year.

She was placed under house arrest July 20. Western diplomats reached by telephone from Bangkok, Thailand, said she was on a hunger.

Khin Nyunt presented what he said were photographs, documents, films and equipment seized from the communist underground movement, and confessions by its members.

"The timely arrest of over 100 underground elements have foiled the communist grand strategy and saved the country from a blood-bath," he said. "The revelations today are not complete yet. It is only to prove the communist involvement in the septs. Investigations will continue."

In a statement received today in Bangkok, the human rights group Amnesty International criticised Rangoon for arresting Ma Suu Kyi, party co-leader Tin Oo and up to 40 other members of the main opposition party.

The statement, dated Wednesday, said at least five other members of the party's nine-member executive committee were arrested between July 20 and July 22.

'Sheer fabrication' China denies Deng is ill

BEIJING, Aug 5, (Agencies) — China, moving swiftly to quash persistent speculation about the health of senior leader Deng Xiaoping, denied today as "sheer fabrication" a Japanese news report that Deng is critically ill with cancer.

The report yesterday by Jiji press, a leading Japanese financial news agency, was the latest of several by foreign news organisations in recent months suggesting Deng is suffering from serious ailments.

Most of the reports have quoted unidentified Chinese sources and none has been verified, but their frequency has both fed on and fuelled the active rumour mill about the senior leader.

Deng last appeared publicly on June 9, congratulating the Chinese Army for its crushing on June 3 of the pro-democracy movement and the brutal suppression of protesters in Beijing.

As chairman of the Communist Party central military commission, his only remaining official title, he is believed to have ordered or approved the Army's action.

The Jiji report, quoting Chinese sources, said Deng was suffering from prostate cancer and fell critically ill last week at the seaside resort of Beidaihe in northeast China.

It said a special medical team had been sent to treat him and that other senior Chinese leaders, including Communist

US seeks naval facilities Singapore gives consent

SINGAPORE, Aug 5, (UPI) — A top government official said yesterday Singapore is prepared to host some US military facilities to make it easier for the Philippines to keep existing US bases there.

George Yeo, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told members of Parliament both the United States and Singapore agreed the tiny island republic could not possibly provide the space and strategic location for the huge Clark Air Base and the Subic Bay naval complex.

But he noted the Philippines has expressed a desire for other Southeast Asian countries to share in hosting US military facilities in the region.

US Navy calls at Singapore for refuelling and repairs.

US fighter aircraft have been deployed here for exercises, and

US transport aircraft use Singapore as a transit point.

The United States maintains Clark, Subic Bay and four smaller installations in the Philippines under a 1947 agreement expiring in 1991. Clark and Subic are the largest US facilities overseas.

Yeo disclosed the United States sent a site survey team to Singapore in June to study the naval and air facilities and to determine what US forces might be able to use.

Woman appeals death penalty

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 5, (UPI) — Malaysia's tough and uncompromising anti-drug stance is on trial this week in a Supreme Court appeal by a New Zealand woman sentenced to hang for heroin trafficking.

Malaysian laws mandate the death penalty for anyone found guilty of drug trafficking, which is defined as possession of half an ounce or more of heroin or morphine, 2 pounds of opium or 7 ounces of cannabis.

Large signs featuring a skull and crossbones are prominently displayed at Malaysia's airports and land border crossings warning of the mandatory death sentence for drug trafficking.

Lorraine Phyllis Cohen, 46, and her 23-year-old son, Aaron Shelton, were arrested at the airport on the resort island of Penang in 1985. Cohen was in possession of 5 ounces of heroin and Shelton had 1.2 ounces of heroin hidden in his clothing.

Cohen was convicted of trafficking and ordered hanged and her drug addict son, Aaron, was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment and six strokes of a cane after the judge reduced the charges against him to possession during the 1987 trial.

The appeal of Cohen's death sentence was scheduled to begin Monday in the Supreme Court.

Malaysia first introduced the death penalty in 1975 as an option for judges sentencing convicted traffickers but a 1983 amendment to the law made it mandatory.

Since 1975, a total of 268 people have been sentenced to death for drug trafficking. So far, 21 have won appeals, 159 cases have appeals pending and 88 offenders have been executed, including three Westerners.

Government statistics show in 1970 there were 700 registered drug addicts in Malaysia. Despite efforts to curb drug usage, by 1983 that figure had grown to almost 100,000 — with 75 per cent of users between the ages of 19 and 39.

"By 1983 the government felt they could no longer treat the drug problem as a social or health matter," explained Zaidin Bahari who heads Malaysia's Anti-Narcotics Task Force. "It became a security issue."

It was hoped the introduction of the mandatory death penalty would act as a deterrent, Zaidin said, but the execution last month of 39-year-old Briton Derrick Gregory for drug trafficking and Cohen's appeal have raised new questions about the law.

British diplomats involved in the Gregory case said arrest figures show the death penalty was not an effective deterrent but expressed concern that ethical and moral considerations were being swept aside in making execution mandatory.

"We are concerned that mitigating factors do not seem to be taken into consideration," one official said.

British psychiatrist Colin Brewer testified Gregory was mentally unstable at the time he was arrested, stemming from a blow to the head he received as a young boy.

Throughout his trial and subsequent appeals Gregory's attorney, Rashed Rajasingham, claimed his client was under "considerable duress" from a syndicate threatening to kill his wife and baby daughter if he did not act as courier.

Nuclear accidents 20 died in China

BEIJING, Aug 5, (AP) — China today disclosed for the first time that 20 people died and 1,200 suffered radiation-related illnesses in nuclear accidents in the first half of the decade.

However, the report did not list specific incidents and their death and injury tolls between 1980 and 1985.

The official China Daily quoted Luo Guozhen of the State Environmental Protection Bureau as saying China needed stricter control over the handling of radioactive waste. He also said the government plans to build more disposal sites to handle the material.

China has no operating nuclear power plants. Most of its nuclear waste so far has been generated by the military, but increasing amounts are being produced by scientific labs, hospitals and non-military industries.



Remembering the past

Kazuyuki Maruishi, a survivor of the 1945 US atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima, shows his grandson Daisuke the directions in which people fled for safety 44 years ago from Aoi Bridge. The bridge is said to have been the initial target area for the bombing which occurred Aug 6, 1945.

Officials in Hiroshima will mark the bombing anniversary Sunday with ceremonies to honour the dead and pray that the devastation will never happen again.

There also are plans to renovate the A-Bomb Dome, the hollow remains of a former industrial hall that has stood in ruins since the attack as a symbol of the destruction. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cops to 'pick' pusher's pockets Hitting 'em where it hurts

HONG KONG, Aug 5, (Reuters) — Hong Kong police will be given a powerful new weapon to combat the flow of illicit drugs through the British colony, but it could end up putting the government in the night club business.

Superintendent Stuart McDouall, head of a new police task force on drug finances, said a law coming into effect on Sept 1 is aimed at drying up the finances of the drug trade.

The drug trafficking bill gives the courts the right to confiscate everything a convicted drug trafficker owns — and also allows for suspected drug traffickers' assets to be frozen before trial.

The government could also end up running the business owned by suspects, although it might be through civilian receivers," McDouall said in an interview.

"It is in the government's interest to keep those businesses going, no matter whether they are bars, restaurants or night clubs," he said. "Otherwise, the government will be open to being sued for compensation if the suspect is acquitted."

McDouall's force will have the power to investigate all assets of traffickers and apply for their sequestration if they are believed to have come from the drug trade.

"Before the law, the traffickers were going to prison but the money kept going round. Now we have the real weapons to hit the drugs trade," he said.

McDouall gave as an example a conviction gained by the Narcotics Bureau last year.

"When we started to look at this case in 1984, the man was a street-level trafficker and not very well off. But when we caught him four years later, he had built himself up to being a syndicated drug dealer, trading wholesale quantities of drugs."

The fixed assets he had accumulated were worth a total of \$20 million (\$2.56 US), including one factory and his shop outlet, six public transport minibuses, two taxis and three residential flats.

"Those were just his fixed assets without checking his bank accounts," he added. "Had we had this law then, we would have been able to freeze his accounts and identify all his assets which would be viable targets for confiscation."

In 1988, there were 44 court cases on drug trafficking presented by the Narcotics Bureau alone," McDouall said.

Local traffickers are not only supplying local demand but also venturing into the international market for quick profits. According to a US government report, rough estimates indicate half the uncured heroin imported into Hong Kong for trans-shipment is intended for the United States.

"It is quite clear that Hong Kong is a money-laundering centre for drug traffickers in Asia, or probably in the world," said McDouall.

The British colony is seen as a convenient location for money laundering because of its status as a major financial centre with banking secrecy laws and no foreign exchange controls.

McDouall said drug traffickers were using more sophisticated financial services offered by bankers and accountants to hide their assets from authorities.

"It is going to be an uphill battle all the way," he said.

Under the new law, banks are obliged to report any transaction they suspect is drug-related.

Death toll in Indonesian earthquake reaches 111

JAKARTA, Aug 5, (UPI) — Rescue squads digging through tons of mud found 11 more bodies today, raising the death toll from an earthquake in Indonesia's eastern province of Irian Jaya to 111 as minor tremors continued to rock the devastated area.

Workers have recovered 11 more bodies and the search will continue," said J.T.L. Palitun, head of the provincial office in Jayapura, the capital of Irian Jaya.

Some of the 11 villages submerged under landslides touched off by Tuesday's quake are still buried under mud. Rescue teams have evacuated more than 700 inhabitants from these stricken areas to safer ground.

The 11 bodies uncovered in the past 24 hours raised the death toll from Tuesday's quake to 111. The quake, which measured 6.0 on the Richter scale, also injured 115 people.

Officials said tremors were still periodically jolting Indonesia's remote, far eastern province.

As most of the region is only accessible by air, the officials said rescue teams have been able to reach only four of the stricken villages.

Most of the dead and injured are members of the Dhani tribe, part of the "lost civilisation" discovered in 1936 by an American adventurer. The Dhani, who number more than 100,000, practice sophisticated agricultural techniques, and complex irrigation canals supplied water to the well-tended, terraced hill slopes used by Dhani farmers.

The tremor turned the slopes into a landslide of mud and water.

KD120 per hour operation cost at Mubarak

Public fund waste to be redressed

THE financial cost involved in the day to day functions of the operation rooms at Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital during 1988 have been estimated at KD120 per hour, according to the hospital's 1988 annual report.

The cost of providing medical attention to each patient per day at the various wards has been determined as: KD55 internal diseases; KD56.500 surgery; KD52 paediatric and KD60 at the orthopaedic.

At the emergency clinic it amounted to KD13 and at surgery KD27 per day. However, the amount was in excess of KD30 for patients at the digestive and nervous systems clinics for a visit.

The report indicated that a total of 121,788 X-rays were taken of 104,279 patients during 1988. The report commented that this figure was abnormally high compared to the population and in relation to the ratio of X-rays undertaken by

other countries. This waste of public funds is being attempted to be redressed by authorities by enlightening patients about the possibility of inherent dangers that could result by the use of unnecessary X-rays.

The hospital suffers from shortages of nurses specialised in the disciplines of anaesthesia, surgery and intensive care services. The lack of such professional expertise compelled the administration of the hospital to close two operation rooms

and to restrict the activities of the intensive care room. The intensive care rooms were designed to operate at full capacity with ten patients, but the present number of nurses can efficiently accommodate four patients, the report said. Additionally, there is no qualified engineer capable of maintaining medical equipment. A shortage of some medical equipment and essential drugs has also periodically been experienced at the hospital.

Agricultural society plays active role in landscaping

THE secretary-general of the Kuwait Agricultural Society Mohammad Abdul Rahman Al Faiyes has said that studies recently conducted by the society were aimed at identifying the country's agricultural needs.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that, being a public welfare society, the primary objective is to serve citizens and to provide services of a public nature to all government and private institutions in Kuwait, which were also accessible to Arab countries.

He said that the society had sponsored the planting of a whole street in Keifan with palm trees. It also organised a training course for school students in co-operation with the Ministry of Education.

Provided

The society is a member of the Specifications and Standardisation Committee on Foods and Agro-products, and played an active role in the landscaping of several locations on the Kuwait Seaford Project.

The existing co-operative ties between the society and the Farmers Union in Wafr and Abdali were stressed by the official who added that the society provided consultations, advice and technical counsel, and that the same was true of the Union of Poultry Producers and Union of Fresh Dairy Farmers.

The society had sponsored the execution of a number of agricultural projects in Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Libya, Jordan, Sudan, Morocco, South Yemen and others and contributed professional expertise and consultations.



Farewell to Ambassador Glang

Philippine embassy officers and staff hosted a farewell party for the outgoing Ambassador Alunan C. Glang recently at Mabuhay Restaurant. It was fully attended by the officers and members of the four major Filipino associations in Kuwait, namely, KAPILKU, FLASSIK, PBAK and FGC.

Charge D'affaires (Ambassador designate to the UAE) Fortunato D. Oblena welcomed all the guests and together with Consul Olivia V. Palata presented a souvenir on behalf of the Philippine embassy officers and staff to Ambassador Glang.



FLASSIK's hospital visit

Members of the executive board of the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait brought food and little gift taken to Filipino patients confined in hospitals in Kuwait. Pictured above are FLASSIK officers with Florinda who is recovering from an automobile accident.

Kuwaiti Days in Paris on Sept 20

DR Laila Al Wahidi, the official in charge of the transient exhibitions at the Arab World Institute in Paris has said that the institute has decided to host a Kuwaiti Cultural Artistic Week, in appreciation of Kuwait's substantial support in the establishment of the institute.

She told a local newspaper that the proposed cultural week of arts would be held under the title Kuwaiti Days in Paris, to be opened by the Kuwaiti Minister of Information and his French counterpart from September 20 till September 28.

She said that during this event, the institute library would be exhibiting a rare collection of books and volumes contributed by the House of Islamic Antiquities in Kuwait, as well as pieces of Arab and Islamic cultural heritage dug up on the island of Falaka.

Photographs

She pointed out that the institute would, during this event host a special exhibition of photography, displaying a total of 60 photographs specially selected to emphasise the gradual development of life in Kuwait and related historical events, with particular reference to Kuwaiti-French relations.

She also said that special symposia would also be held combining Kuwaiti and French men of letters and intellectuals to discuss topics of mutual concern.

Environ studies research invited

Six main fields to be covered

By Jamal Amin

THE secretary of the Environment Protection Council, Ibrahim Hadi invited today researchers interested in environmental studies to carry out research studies sponsored and financed by the council. Hadi said that the council in its future plan has many research studies to offer in six main environmental sectors. The offer is valid for all types of researchers, individuals, groups, Kuwaitis and expatriates, Hadi said. He said that the council would like to support Kuwaiti students willing to obtain their Master or Doctorate degrees in environmental sciences. He said that the council will finance the research and will provide the researchers and their assistants with other financial allowances during the period of the research.

Hadi said that the research studies to be sponsored and financed by the Environment Protection Council will cover six main fields including ecology and biological studies, Environmental Engineering studies, Chemical reactions and physical changes of air and water pollutants, the effect of environment on health, the social aspects of environment protection and aspects of environmental awareness.

Ecology

He said that the first field includes research studies like estimating the risk on the ecology system in high water and humid areas resulting from being affected by a chemical or more substances. Another study in this field will include improving methods to estimate the risk resulting from wastes especially those containing one or more chemical substances. Hadi added that this field will include other studies like studying the ecological balance and the effect of pollutants on the hereditary aspects of organisms.

Another proposed study will be to evaluate the effect resulting from reactions between the main pollutants on the growth rate of plants. It will study also the effect of disappearance of one living

organism on the whole ecological system.

Hadi added that the second field of Environmental Engineering includes a number of important studies. These include a study on methods of decomposition of organic chemical substances and ways of using them in reducing adverse effects of pollutants. Another study is to determine methods used to prevent the pollution of underground water and ways of improving its quality. It will include a third study of technical methods that are more suitable to local conditions to protect public health. The environmental engineering field also includes studies to find ways to get rid of solid waste, particularly harmful wastes. Another study will be launched to determine the efficiency of methods used to reduce pollution levels in buildings and houses. The council will also sponsor a study for the preparation of mathematical patterns to estimate the size of pollutants resulting from complete or partial combustion of fuel.

Patterns

The fourth field of council research studies will concentrate on evaluation of pollutants in air and water in Kuwait. A study will be made to improve the accuracy of mathematical patterns to evaluate pollution in various areas and also determine the sources of pollution. Another study will determine the role of various climatic conditions in altering the mathematical patterns used to estimate pollution. A third study will make to evaluate the level of high risk pollution and its types inside houses. The council will also study the physical characteristics and chemical composition of tiny particles of soil and how they are carried by air and deposited in different areas. The effect of pollutants resulting from human activity on the local climate, will also be studied. Harmful materials thrown in Gulf waters and their methods of disposal will be another study to be sponsored by the council.

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Concerning the effect of environment on public health, the council is preparing to carry out a number of important studies. One of them is to determine the danger of pollutants on public health which will include the aspects of hereditary, growth rate, behaviour, immunity, mental disorders, diseases of the circulation system, kidney disorders and diseases of the respiratory system.

Another research will study the effect of poisons that enter the human body with food or air. Another important study will be launched to determine the effect of harmful and poisonous materials on the immune system and ways to increase the efficiency of this system towards environmental factors.

The social aspects of environment protection will include studies on gardens, parks and other entertainment centres. One study will evaluate the effect of local environment on the productivity of employees in Kuwait. A third study will evaluate the relation between the environment and mental disorders. The traditions and customs of desert inhabitants in their natural life will be surveyed in another study by the council. The council will also sponsor a study on the effect of modern technology on health and social aspects which includes accidents, house incidents and children accidents in particular.

Grand prize

THE Sea Sports Club has announced yesterday that Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed the foreign minister has donated a car as the grand prize for the Festival on Reviving the Fourth Diving Memory which began Tuesday and is scheduled to end on Sept 3, 1989.

A total of 120 youths are participating in the festival, according to Sultan Al Modhar the Sea Sports Club General Secretary who held a press conference in which he praised Amir's support for the festival.

EVENTS

CINEMA

Al Fahadhel
Amazon vs Superman
Al Jahra
Pyar Kiya Jaa
Granada
Gunghat
Al Salaibkhat
Grunt
Al Jeeb
Isabella
Ahmadi Drive-In
Red Scorpion
Al Andalus
Red Scorpion
Al Salmiya
Revenge of the Nerds II
Al Hamra
Ultimate Force
Drive-In
Arabic film
Al Firdous
Ustad
Starring: Vinod Khanna,
Jaya Prada

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Baghdad Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Salem Street
Al Hakeem Pharmacy
Sharq, Jaber Al Mubarak
Street
Hawalli and Nagra
Noora Pharmacy
Nagra, Al Othman Street
Salmiya and Rumaythiya
Al Rashed Pharmacy
Rumaythiya, Amman Street
Fahadhel and Ahmadi
Al Sheeba Pharmacy
Fahadhel
Farwaniya
Al Hawla Pharmacy
Al Mustawfa Street
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Al Mafafi Street

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Fajr 3.43 am
Zuhr 11.54
Asr 3.30 pm
Maghreb 6.36
Isha 8.01

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Interview timing: 15.00 - 18.00 on 6th August (Sunday)
Tel: 2418394



Horizon get-together

Twice a year Horizon people from all offices get together at the company's semi-annual meeting. This year Athens hosted one this past April. It's a chance to exchange information, to report on local activities, to talk, to socialise and to get to know the person behind the voice over the phone. An added bonus this year was the presence of the new area marketing services manager from Brown and Williamson, Edgar Aguilier. Aguilier had the opportunity of presenting a history of and future plans for all major B&W brands to the entire regional management of Horizon Advertising. (Picture shows from left to right: Gregory Tikhonoff, Saad Hijawi, Emile Charbean, Rafic Saadeh, Marwan Rizk, Kathy Rys, Roland Petrigh, Samir Tabbara)

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
9.30 Cartoons
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Mahlan Ayoha Al Omr: Arabic Serial (Part 2)
11.10 Sabah Al Khair News (Part 1)
11.15 Ezaj: Local serial
12.15 That's Incredible: Variety foreign programme
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World Today via Satellite
1.30 Sport Billy: cartoon

KTV 2

2.00 Variety
2.15 Al Mehrath Wa Elbour: Daily Arabic serial (Part 1), starring Zohair Al Noubani, Abdul Kareem Al Qawasm, Amal Al Dabbas and Mohammed Al Abbadi.
3.15 Mawaqif Wa Khotab: Cultural Programme
3.30 Billers: Cartoon serial
4.00 Al Dabbah: Arabic feature film, starring Fareed Shawqi, Athar Al Hakeem and Yousif Shaaban
6.00 Holy Quran stories: Religious children serial
6.30 Night chemists, airlines and official announcements
7.00 Space Invasion: Cultural Programme
7.45 Fi Khedmat Al Jomhour: Local programme
8.15 Diwanat Shura Al Nabat: Local programme
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Al Motassaliqoon: Daily Arabic serial (Part 2)
10.30 Local variety
11.45 News Summary
11.50 The World Today via Satellite

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Care Bears Cartoon
6.30 Sea Hunt: "The Scavengers". Andy seeks Mike's help to find a lost treasure from a sunken Japanese ship.
7.00 Architecture at the Crossroads: "Stop the Bulldozer". A look at protection and maintenance of buildings in such cities as Paris, London, Jeddah and Washington, D.C.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Maelstrom: "Out of the Depths." Catherine investigates the case of a woman who commits suicide.
9.30 The Secret World: "Wild Spirits, Devils and Demons."
10.00 Kate and Allie: "Rear Window". Allie's Son, Chip, feels dejected.
10.30 Best Seller: "Robert Kennedy: His Life and Times." Part Two.
11.30 News Summary: Magazine D'Actualite; Holy Quran/Closedown

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

OPEN SAT - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Tareq Rajab Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

SOCIAL

Kalpak exhibition

SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

Fit for life

LADIES' Keep Fit classes at La Palma Fitness Centre at the Kuwait International on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Free use of the pool after each session plus free use of the sauna on Tuesdays. Also judo, karate and taekwondo classes. Individual coaching for tennis and swimming available. Garden poolside barbeque every Friday afternoon. Recreation facilities include bowling, snooker and health club with sauna, steam bath and plunge pool. Telephone Paul or Vivienne at: 2530000/8050.

Tivim Centre

OCT 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze '89 is going to hit the floor of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await you. For further information contact the organisers.

Independents ball

AUGUST 17: At the Mesilla Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

Kapilku contest

AUGUST 18: Kapilku will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang - Tel: 483447.

Konkani drama

AUG 11: A Konkani drama entitled "Batati Ani Bazar," directed by Pascoal Rodrigues will be held at the Indian Arts Circle, Fumatees at 10 am and 4 pm. Gate passes are available at Raja Stores and Alex Martins Shop.

Colva Nite

OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ball Room of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact tel: 2413884/2434776/562914/4310913 after 5 pm.

Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children entry KD 3/- from 2-12 years to 12 years. Others KD 4/- with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tel. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

Kapilku contest

AUGUST 25: Kapilku will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang - Tel: 483447.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn

At the Coffee Shop: A variety of Continental and Oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch of dinner at KD5.000 per pax and half price for children.

At Andalus: Thursday - Arabian Night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provide wonderful music.

Family brunch: Friday - A wholesale day for the children. Bring them along and enjoy entertainment which includes Walt Disney cartoon characters and magic by the great magician. Prizes and surprises await each kid. Price KD5.000 for adults, and half per kid.

At the swimming pool: From 8.30 pm have a great night out by the pool to soothe the summer heat. Barbecue, music, games, prizes and surprises await each one. Bring your family and friends and savour our delicious shazad barbecue, at KD5.500 per pax and KD2.750 per child.

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At Mesallah Beach

ALMUBARAKIYAH: The only 24-hour restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local and Continental specialities with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner plus a la carte menu.

Al Jawahara Super Night Club: live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with extensive a la carte menu on Wednesdays and special buffet on Thursdays.

Al Bardoweh beach garden restaurant open daily - Sunday-Friday offering a variety of succulent charcoal grills, Lebanese mezzeh, freshly baked markouk bread and bubble bubble.

At the Kuwait Plaza TEMPTING lunch and dinner. A wide variety of all sorts of delicious, home-made and sumptuous dishes with real Lebanese mezzeh and delights of Arabic and French sweets plus fruits of the season.

A unique opportunity to try the dish you like most. It is indeed special lunch or dinner to suit everybody's taste, for only KD2.995.

Also at Al Dallah coffee shop the breakfast with a difference for KD0.995. American, Continental and Arabic buffet. Enjoy our variety of food daily with Plaza special touch from 6.00 am till 11.00 am. Italian dinner: Let us take

you to heart of Rome while you are in the heart of Kuwait! A special ambience with exotic delicious and Italian dishes prepared before you.

Delights of Arabic ice-cream and jumbo sandwiches at Louwah corner "Le Cafe de Paris" with traditional Arabic music played by the famous oud player Fawzi Jamal. Unique surroundings on the edge of Al Muthanna shopping centre. Open all day long.

At the Kuwait International LA PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.

Falaka: Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext. 8012.

Garden Pool: Relax and enjoy our poolside barbeque event every Friday afternoon.

La Patisserie: Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings. Ext. 8014.

At the SAS Hotel VISIT the Far East with SAS. Relish the wide variety of authentic Chinese delicacies served in a very elegant surrounding the Peacock Room. Open for lunch and dinner. For reservati, call 5657000 ext 403 or 352.

Try some new Italian specialities served in a very cozy Italian setting - Bistretto at the SAS. We also serve a delicious selection of Continental and Arabic dishes. Open daily, breakfast lunch and dinner. We serve brunch every Friday.

Welcome on board Al Boom. Dine on our delicious mezzeh buffet. Dinner daily and lunch every Thursdays and Saturdays. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

Clock at the SAS club. The only drive-in restaurant in Kuwait offer wide varieties of fast food specialities.

At the Hotel Pullman At the Elysees Restaurant: Everyday, authentic French cuisine at the Pullman Hotel, Kuwait.

At the Salalah coffee shop: International and Arabic cuisine with live music nightly.

Driving licence categories adequate: Sari

80,826 traffic accidents in Hawalli last year

COL. Saad Mubarak Al Sari, director of Hawalli Governorate Traffic Department, has said that exceptions provided to categories of people permitted to get driving training permits and exchanging foreign driving licences with Kuwaiti ones are adequate enough to meet the need for a driving licence for experts working in various sectors in Kuwait.

He said that Hawalli is a densely populated governorate and that the huge number of visitors seeking to finish their traffic paperwork entailed the increase of operating staff at the various administrative divisions and sections.

He pointed out that under the new regulations on driving authorisation, a large number of people from different social and professional categories would be eligible to obtain driving permits. Doctors, pharmacists, engineers, university and institute professors, judges, experts, students studying at Kuwait University, counsellors and similar categories will be entitled to enroll at driving schools the official said.

He added that teachers, librarians, legal advisors, journalists on the membership of the Kuwait Society of Journalists, nurses, and others would be able to exchange their

national licences for Kuwaiti ones.

Despite the huge number of visitors to the governorate who sought to finish their traffic paperwork, the governorate staff were statistically able to process a total of 170 such transactions on a daily basis involving private and public driving licences.

Department staff carried out technical tests of a daily average of 500 vehicles, transferred the ownership of 300 others and issued 60 learners permits.

A total of 80,826 traffic accidents occurred within the governorate jurisdiction last year, of which 80,159 involved

collision, 533 run-overs and 134 vehicles overturned resulting in 129 deaths, 226 serious injuries and 828 with minor injuries.

Four locations have so far been allocated to house the proposed driving training centres in Hawalli, Jahra and Ahmadi and the first centre is expected to become operational in the first months of next year, Sari said.

Highway patrols, during the month of January issued a total of 355 tickets to over-speeders, 447 others were issued in February, 374 more in March and 127 during April.



Atas with HH the Amir and Minister of Service Affairs Issa Al Mazidi.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri audience

KUWAIT, Aug 5 (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today received in audience Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Graduation

KUWAIT, Aug 5 (KUNA): Specialised officers are immediately responsible for protecting the country's political, social and economic security, said Interior Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed today.

Sheikh Sabah, addressing the graduation ceremony of the 9th batch of specialised officers holding bachelor degrees, called on the graduates to shoulder their responsibility in protecting the country's security.

He said maintaining security of the country is not limited only to the ordinary police academy graduate officers but specialised officers are also responsible for such a task.

A similar speech by the academy's Director-General Colonel Ali Yakoub Abdullah affirmed that the academy has adopted a training programme for officers and enrolled them in special courses to enhance their skills and provide them with the necessary expertise.

He clarified that out of 37 enrolled in the 9th batch, 33 specialised officers passed.

Rewards to the outstanding graduates were distributed by the interior minister.

Sheikh Sabah

JEDDAH, Aug 5 (KUNA): Kuwaiti Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed arrived here today with a verbal message from HH the Amir to Saudi monarch King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz.

The Saudi Press Agency said Sheikh Sabah was received on arrival by Second Deputy Premier, Defence and Aviation Minister and Inspector-General Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz as well as Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and other officials.

Council meeting

JEDDAH, Aug 5 (KUNA): The 11th session of the Saudi Arabia-Yemen Arab Republic Co-ordination Council opened a three-day meeting here today to discuss co-operation in various fields.

The Saudi Press Agency quoted Second Deputy Premier Prince Sultan who will co-chair the meeting with Yemeni Premier Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani as saying the meeting comes in the framework of the two countries' efforts to enhance co-operation in the interest of their people.

Established in 1975, SPA said the council had paid due concern to infrastructure, health, educational, social and agricultural projects in the Yemen Arab Republic.

Sacrificial meat

JEDDAH, Aug 5 (KUNA): The 31,000 quantities of sacrificial meat of this year's pilgrimage season will be shipped during the period of August and September to 23 Islamic states and countries that have Muslim minorities, International Islamic News Agency said today.

According to the committee concerned with this Saudi programme, 83,541 sacrificial heads have been already shipped and 324,541 are ready for shipment. These quantities of meat will be shipped by air, sea, and land.

Overseas

Pakistanis

THE Overseas Pakistanis Foundation has reserved 20 seats in Lawrence College, Ghora Gali Murree for the sons and wards of overseas Pakistanis.

The application forms and other allied information is available with the Community Welfare Attache of the Pakistan embassy. Overseas Pakistanis who are members of Overseas Pakistanis Foundation and are interested in availing of this facility are requested to obtain the application forms from the Community Welfare Attache at an early date. The last date for submission of forms is Sept 30, 1989.

Paucity of Kuwaiti professionals

Population balance facing obstacles

PLANNING MINISTER, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi admitted that the planning process in Kuwait is facing many obstacles, adding that the planning process will require a long time to find its right pace. The transfer from unguided to the stage of guided planning and development is not easy, Kuwait has started its first ever five year developmental plan four years ago. The current plan aims at achieving a population balance by the year 2,000. It is the first plan to be legislated and to be enforced by the law. Achieving a population balance between Kuwaitis and expatriates requires an increase population growth rate among Kuwaitis and restrictions on the entry of expatriates. The population balance targeted by the plan is qualitative rather than quantitative and aims at creating productive Kuwaiti citizens, Awadi said.

The minister said that the core of the current five-year plan is the amendment in the population structure, but he admitted that this issue is very difficult to achieve by the year 2,000. He added that to achieve this goal, a number of issues at all levels must be addressed. The first and foremost must be related to the Kuwaiti people themselves. All necessary measures must be taken to increase the birth rate and achieve the natural growth of Kuwaitis. This must also be coupled with restrictive measures relating to non-Kuwaitis. Balance of non-Kuwaitis to Kuwait for work must be strictly controlled. Expatriates needed for jobs in the country must be allowed alone. The official said that Kuwaitis form only 30 per cent of the coun-

try's population at present. According to the latest available figures, the population of Kuwait is nearly two million. He said that this policy has been already adopted by Kuwait, in spite of the reactions it caused. But he said that this policy does not mean closing the doors for non-Kuwaitis. "We will keep them open but under control based on a selective approach" Awadi said.

Rationalisation
He said that the five-year plan has greatly succeeded in rationalising expenditures and by adopting scientific planning, succeeded in reducing the expenditures by 10-15 per cent. He added that there is a paucity of Kuwaiti professionals and handicrafts (the so called semi-skilled manpower) and consequently great attention has been focused on applied education. The minister expected that true planning in the scientific sense is likely to prevail in Kuwait after 15 years. The current plan has given special attention to the private sector. A number of services like cleaning have been assigned to this sector in a bid to activate it.

About the basis of the next five-year plan, Awadi said that the core of the next plan is the development of the Kuwaiti man. He said that the long term developmental strategy approved by the Higher Planning Council has mainly concentrated on the building of productive Kuwaiti manpower. He said that what is desired is not the number of Kuwaitis, but more importantly what they produce. He said that Kuwaitis form only 20 per cent of the country's manpower and over 80 per cent of



Awadi... challenge

them are in the government. He said that it is absolutely difficult to achieve a population balance without increasing the number of working Kuwaitis.

Education

Now, more attention is paid to the educational programmes offered at schools and at the university and other institutions to find a link between the output of the education and the requirements of the country. Our main concern at present is not to add more Kuwaiti employees to the government. We want them to be in larger number in the private sector. This essentially calls for determining the requirements of the market and finding ways to build the needed Kuwaiti manpower.

Awadi praised HH the Amir and said he is the true father of planning in Kuwait. He said that all the departments and ministries are working very hard to implement HH the Amir's call for achieving qualitative transfer for the 90s. Awadi added that

HH the Amir wants the 90s to be the true transition towards a bright future for Kuwait. The official said that plans are afoot to make Kuwait an important financial and economic centre in order to diversify the country's sources of income. Awadi said that HH the Amir wants a different Kuwaiti man for the 90s. He wants the Kuwaitis to believe in planning in their lives and should not depend upon the state to provide a majority of their needs.

Contribution

Awadi said that the Higher Planning Council will shortly begin a discussion on ways to increase the country's income. He said that the source of income in Kuwait is very limited and there is only one source. He said that we in Kuwait do not own more than oil and human resources. Besides, 10 per cent of the state revenues must go according to the law, to the Future Generation Fund. Thus the minister said, the budget deficit will continue to prevail because our incomes are less than expenditures particularly after the drop in oil prices. He said that it is not wise to sell part of the country's foreign investments to cover the deficit and to solve the deficit borrowing from the local market has been resorted to by issuing treasury bills and bonds. But he said that public contribution in reducing the wastes in public services and bearing part of the costs is of paramount importance. Public contribution does not necessarily mean imposing charges but it could be also achieved by increasing productivity and working hours. He said that all these ideas are being discussed by the authorities.

Shortage of doctors in public sector

STATISTICS conducted by the Ministry of Public Health in 1986 shows that in Kuwait there is only one doctor for every 630 patients in the government sector. Meanwhile, the 1988 statistics indicated only one doctor for 661 people. Putting both private and government sector together, the statistics showed that in 1986 each doctor treated 572 patients and 602 patients in 1988.

The total number of doctors amounted to 3,129 in 1986, 2,930 of whom were employed at the Ministry of Public Health and 199 doctors at private sector hospitals. In 1988, the number of doctors totalled 3,256.

The total number of patients admitted to government hospitals amounted to 188,258 in 1986. Of that number 67,086 were Kuwaitis. On the other hand, in 1988, the number of patients admitted to government hospitals totalled 203,717, of whom 74,111 were Kuwaitis. A total of 140,994 surgeries were conducted at government hospitals during 1988 and the number increased to 159,696 in 1988.

The same statistics indicated that 2,308,379 patients have visited outside clinics in 1986 and 2,769,404 patients in 1988.

Meanwhile, the number of visitors at health centres totalled 8,446,989 patients in 1986 and 8,708,666 in 1988. Nearly 225,845 patients visited diabetes clinics in 1986 and 318,912 patients in 1988.

Seatbelts

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Top officials support two-day weekend

Increased duty timings proposed

A NUMBER of senior officials at various ministries and government authorities have supported a proposal to make Thursday an official holiday in addition to Friday. The Civil Service Commission (CSC) issued a questionnaire to evaluate responses two years ago and submitted a memorandum to the Council of Ministers. But the government was not inclined positively towards making Thursday a holiday in the public sector on the light of recommendations. A number of states in the Gulf area have a two day weekend such as Saudi Arabia and Oman.

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice Naser Al Roumi said that Thursday is considered a full work day at the ministry because courts are open that day. He added that he rejects the opinion to make this day a holiday. This opinion was stated in the questionnaire conducted by the CSC two years ago. But he added that every ministry has its own interpretations according to the dictates of their respective job functions.

Feasibility
The undersecretary of Public Health Dr Nael Al Naqib supported the proposal to make Thursday a weekly holiday in addition to Friday. He added that his ministry undertook respective studies specially for technicians at the ministry to see the feasibility by increasing the work hours to be from 8 am to 4 pm during other days of the week. He said that this system is the best for the Ministry of Public Health. He added that we can benefit more from this system specially by opening the clinics and outpatient facilities till 4 pm.

We also can reduce the needed manpower because the night shift period will be reduced for nurses and physicians. In reality, Thursday is now a day lost for the Health Ministry. No operations or examinations are made on this day. Only meetings of medical committees are held on Thursdays, he said. Thursday will be an opportunity for the employee to rest, do their shopping or supervise studies of their children. Five days of work a week will increase the production of technicians at the ministry, the official added.

The information undersecretary Abdul Aziz Jaffar pointed out that work hours at the ministry are unlike those at other ministries. "The work hours at the ministry will not be changed whether Thursday is a holiday or a full work day" Jaffar said.

Shifts
Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour Essa Yaseen said that he agrees in principle to make Thursday a weekly holiday along with Friday provided the state will not endure additional financial costs. The employees can work in shifts during the necessary periods in some departments which is being applied now during official holidays and Fridays. He hoped that public servants will not be absent on Wednesday if they get Thursday as a holiday.

The Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs for Mosques and Pilgrimage Affairs Abdul Rahman Al Fares has said that employees will have a good chance to follow up studies of their children if

they get a Thursday holiday. This will also reduce the traffic movement at roads and save power energy that is used in public buildings. He added that productivity of employees on Thursdays is very poor. Many formalities and work during Thursday is usually postponed to Saturday. But he added that he is afraid that productivity of public servants could possibly be negatively affected on Wednesdays if Thursday is made a holiday.

Support
The Assistant Undersecretary at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for Commercial Affairs Rashed Al Mijren pointed out that he supported the proposal to make Thursday a holiday two years ago in the questionnaire distributed to officials of the ministries. He added that he also supports the proposal to distribute the work hours of this day over other days of the week. Employees will not be inconvenienced by increasing the work hours one or two hours a day. One day holiday a week is not sufficient for employees to get rest, the official said and added that many countries of the GCC have two days holiday a week.

The public relations director at Kuwait Municipality Naser Al Ayar has said that he supports the proposal in case of increasing the work hours during other days. The work hours should also start from 9 am to 4 pm a day with a break for lunch. He added that early hours of the day (7 to 9 am) are dead hours because citizens come after 9 am to complete their formalities in the public departments.

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OPINION

Getting rid of the Genie of the Lamp

FOR the last 15 years the Arabs have been searching for a solution to the civil war in Lebanon — a war that resembles the well-known battle which raged among Arab tribes in Jahiliya and is known as "Dahes and Ghabra War."

Throughout this decade and half, the Arabs have endeavoured to find a solution — once with the Soviets, on another occasion with the Americans and a third time with the West European countries. They have been searching for a solution to the killing and destruction in Lebanon, as if they are unaware of who is actually responsible, and have not spared attempts in negotiating even with Iran and Israel.

Who is fighting in Lebanon? Who is killing innocent people and who is destroying the beautiful city of Beirut? We know them very well, we see them daily. Those who are destroying Lebanon are not ghosts. They are military forces described by the Lebanese as enemy forces — irrespective of their origin. Obviously, those who are undertaking this systematic annihilation of men, women and children, as well as the God-given infrastructure of Lebanon, are not ghosts but a select identity that is only too well known.

The Arabs are acting as if they are trying to find a genie who is perhaps responsible for the problem. The Lebanese people, however, know the enemy. The Arabs have simply been running in circles because they do not want to disturb the genie for fear that it might affect their own countries.

We do not want to recount the number of casualties of the past 15 years — because it is both shameful and heart-rending. What is needed is to firmly close the Aladdin's Lamp from which the genie emerged. This will end the endless miseries of the Lebanese people.

Why can we not as Arabs put our hands straight to the core of the wound and tell the Lebanese people the true identity of the enemy and recommend they do as they deem fit and seek assistance from whatever source they feel appropriate in order to address the problem.

Churchill himself once said: "I am ready and willing to co-operate with the Devil for the sake of my country." Why do we ask those providing assistance to the Lebanese people to stop this assistance at a time when we are politely requesting the invaders to leave Lebanon?

The "Mafia" of politics knows only how to reap huge profits — even if this is achieved at the cost of the blood of innocent children. It appears that the thousands of tons of shells rained on Lebanon are designed specifically to kill the children to prevent their growing up to fight the invaders.

The basic problem in Lebanon is the very Arab nature — Arabs are not true to each other. What will be the turn of events, if the Arab political circles become stronger and more decisive with those who flatter them because they fear them? It must be realised that these people are no longer in a position to instil fear as they were previously.

The issue is simple. Those who are killing Lebanon are not ghosts — they are men. They kill the people and attend their funerals. They say "nay" to everything Arab and to all national actions. They pretend to be nationalists and accuse others of doing their dirty work.

The problem with Lebanon is obvious, but instead of finding a pragmatic solution — we put our heads in the sand like ostriches. In a nut-shell, let us put the genie back in the bottle and seal it so it never emerges again. Only this course of action will put an end to the endless miseries of the Lebanese people.

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

PRESS REVIEW

AL RAIAL AAM: Kuwaiti newspaper *Al Rai Al Aam* charged that the United States had conspired in the Israeli kidnapping of Lebanese cleric Abdul Karim Obeid to create a pretext for military action in Lebanon.

"The current hostage crisis in Lebanon points to hand-in-glove co-ordination between the US and Israel on everything including the Israeli abduction of the Lebanese cleric," a front-page editorial said.

Using Israel as a tool, the paper said, the Americans always look for a pretext for direct or indirect military action in total disregard of the reactions even from Washington's closest allies.

The newspaper pointed out that Washington has a bad record of military interference in the Middle East. It recalled the 1979 aborted American action in Iran, intended to free American hostages in the US embassy in Tehran.

It added that the US had twice intervened militarily in Lebanon during the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, and in 1983 in support of the flagging Lebanese army battling opposition militias in West Beirut and in mountains around the capital.

Concluding, *Al Rai Al Aam* said the state of Arab disarray would always provide an invitation for foreign military interference in the region. (KUNA).

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1600 — France's King Henry IV invades Duchy of Savoy in Italy
- 1661 — Portuguese and Dutch sign treaty whereby Portuguese retain Brazil and Dutch keep Ceylon.
- 1726 — Holy Roman Empire and Russia conclude military alliance against Turkey.
- 1806 — Holy Roman Empire ends as Francis II formally resigns the imperial dignity and becomes Francis I, Emperor of Austria.
- 1824 — Simon Bolivar defeats Spanish forces at Junin in Peru.
- 1828 — Mehmet Ali, ruler of Egypt, agrees to British demands to quit Greece.
- 1840 — Louis Napoleon attempts uprising at Boulogne in France but it fails and he subsequently is sentenced to life imprisonment.
- 1844 — French under Duc de Joinville begin hostilities against Morocco.
- 1849 — Peace of Milan ends war between Sardinia and Austria.
- 1914 — Serbia and Montenegro declare war on Germany.
- 1945 — US plane drops atomic bomb on Hiroshima in Japan near end of World War II.
- 1962 — China agrees to meeting with India to discuss border disputes.
- 1973 — Mistaken attack by US bombers on Cambodian town of Neak Long kills and wounds hundreds.
- 1977 — Bomb explodes in Salisbury, Rhodesia, store, killing 11 people in what is described as worst act of urban terrorism in five years of guerrilla warfare.
- 1988 — Jordan's King Hussein announces he is reshuffling his government.

Anti-apartheid groups regain offensive Groping for a response

SIDESTEPping an array of state-of-emergency bans, the militant core of the anti-apartheid movement is back on the offensive with a defiance campaign that has government leaders groping for a response.

Crushing the campaign by force could wreck the government's ongoing initiatives to improve its international standing. Allowing unchecked civil disobedience could fuel widespread black activism and a white backlash against the governing National Party in advance of parliamentary elections next month.

The campaign, launched Wednesday when about 270 blacks and Indians sought and received treatment at segregated white hospitals, is led by many of the activists who have been detained or restricted during the three-year-old state of emergency.

The Mass Democratic Movement says the defiance campaign will be extended soon to other targets, possibly segregated schools and recreation facilities.

Mineworkers have begun protesting workplace segregation and 17 former detainees in Cape Town said they would defy the restrictions imposed when they were freed.

"People have decided to take the matter into their own hands," said Essa Moosa, a lawyer involved in the campaign.

The campaign's leaders have designated themselves and their various organisations as the Mass Democratic Movement, a loose alliance which in effect takes the place of the United Democratic Front. The UDF was banned in February 1983, and by late last year activists were conceding that the emergency crackdown had seriously weakened their organisational prowess.

The first sign of a resurgence came in January, when UDF affiliates helped organise hunger strikes by hundreds of detained black activists. Faced with the prospect of detainees starving to death without ever being charged, the government chose to free virtually every person held under emergency regulations.

Now comes the defiance campaign, which envisions the first sustained use of mass civil disobedience in South Africa since the 1950s. Its masterminds are activists who have proved their resilience and persistence.

Two of the Mass Democratic Movement's key leaders are Murphy Morobe and Mohammed Valli Moosa, UDF officials who escaped from detention to sanctuary at the US consulate last year. The government allowed them to emerge without the restrictions imposed on many other UDF leaders.

Another key component of the new movement is the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the main black labour federation, which has blatantly defied a government decree barring it from political activity.

The government may have trouble responding decisively to the defiance campaign because of a partial power vacuum at the top. President P.W. Botha will retire after the Sept 6 election, and neither he nor his designated successor, F.W. de Klerk, has been eager to make bold moves in recent weeks.

The government's point man in coping with the defiance campaign is Law and Order Minister



Kingdom School, Vereeniging: elementary proof that ebony and ivory could live together in perfect harmony

Adrian Vlok. He asserted last month that the organisers sought to provoke violence and had endorsed hand-grenade attacks on elections candidates.

The Mass Democratic Movement denied the allegations and mocked Vlok after the hospital protest proceeded peacefully, with minimal disruption to health services.

Vlok belittled the protest as "political posturing,"

but said further acts of defiance "are a time bomb that could explode at any moment."

Health Minister Willie van Niekerk complained that sick blacks had been used as pawns and said no hospitals elsewhere in "the civilised world" would be targeted by protesters. Anti-apartheid leaders agreed, saying no civilised country's hospitals would be racially segregated.

(AP — Johannesburg)

Sihanouk in deadly endgame Prince clowns while Cambodia drowns

"MICKY," wave to His Excellency," Prince Norodom Sihanouk tells his dog and the little ball of white fluff stands on its hindquarters and paws the air before Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen.

Moments earlier, the prince had emerged from a meeting with Hun Sen, whose government Sihanouk's rebel coalition is fighting in faraway jungles. Civil war looms again in Cambodia. But one would hardly guess it from the chubby prince's hugs, jests, affectionate praise and an outpouring of soprano-register French on everything from lowly diplomatic deeds to haute cuisine.

Sihanouk is in his element. An international conference hoping to bring lasting peace to Cambodia has again put him in the limelight. And Paris is his favourite stage.

With energy and boyish enthusiasm, the 67-year-old Sihanouk can still charm, disarm and make one forget that he is engaged in what may prove a deadly endgame for himself and his country.

"Oh, the things I have gone through," he sighs in a rare understatement.

The 19-year-old Sihanouk was put on the throne by French colonialists who thought he would be a pliable playboy. They soon found they were facing a superb politician.

In 1953, he won independence for Cambodia and ran the country as a one-man show, becoming a "papa" to the peasantry and a sometimes ruthless

eliminator of would-be rivals.

A 1970 rightist coup forced him into exile and drew Cambodia into the Indochina bloodbath. Sihanouk had managed to keep the war away from Cambodia by cleverly playing off big-power interests.

From his exile in Beijing, Sihanouk became the nominal head of a resistance dominated by the communist Khmer Rouge, which waged a savage war against the US-backed government in Phnom Penh.

Sihanouk predicted that when they no longer found him useful, the Khmer Rouge would "spit me out like a cherry pit."

They did, imprisoning him in Phnom Penh after their 1975 victory, while turning Cambodia into a charnel house in the name of agrarian revolution.

Many thought Sihanouk was finished. But he emerged in Beijing as the Vietnamese were invading his country in late 1978. Once again, he allied himself with the Khmer Rouge in a guerrilla coalition fighting Vietnam and Hun Sen's pro-Hanoi government.

Now, with Vietnam's forces scheduled to pull out of Cambodia next month and 19 nations debating the country's future at the Paris conference, Sihanouk must make timely, complex calculations if he is to regain power.

Sihanouk insists on the creation of a four-party interim government that would include his three-

party coalition and Hun Sen.

But the hardened and militarily powerful Khmer Rouge could overwhelm such an arrangement and Sihanouk with it.

There also are indications — like his latest meeting with Hun Sen — that Sihanouk may cut himself off from the Chinese-armed Khmer Rouge and side with Phnom Penh against them. If so, he would then face the dangers of a protracted civil war and falling prey to a Phnom Penh government entrenched for a decade and proud of having achieved some success.

Phnom Penh's leaders, realising they need Sihanouk to secure international recognition and aid, are enticing him with a presidency under their newly revised constitution. They say the longer Sihanouk stays with the Khmer Rouge the more his stature will erode among Cambodians.

Sihanouk's strong card is his wide international support. His handicaps are the relative weakness of his own armed followers and what some analysts see as a blinding ego.

"He's hungry for the majesty of power," says British Southeast Asia expert Michael Leifer. "He's learned nothing, he's forgotten nothing."

David Chandler, a Cambodia historian in Australia, says Sihanouk takes "no blame and will share no credit for events in Cambodia since 1945" and has alienated many by his narcissism and alliance with the detested Khmer Rouge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Divide and conquer

ANY intelligent person observing the current trend in Asia can only conclude that some evil force is at work, causing racial strife in Pakistan, India, and in Sri Lanka and damaging relations between Iran and Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, India and Pakistan, and India and Sri Lanka. What sparked off these events?

American influence in Indo-Pak relations has only served to heighten tensions between the two nations, thanks to allegations by the US media that India is making an H-bomb, that Pakistan has developed nuclear warhead delivery systems. This is all the work of the devil, whose sole purpose is to exploit the differences between the two countries, thereby adding fuel to the fire.

If war breaks out between India and Pakistan as it did in Lebanon, the US armament industry will be all the happier. But does this in itself justify all the bloodshed that will result?

Moving on to Lebanon, here too, it is the devil who is responsible. He does not care how many lives are lost. Why is it that Muslims and Christians who once lived as brothers are now fighting tooth and nail? Who is at the root of this internecine hatred? Let me answer with another question.

Who set the Tamils against the Sinhalese? These two ethnic groups too lived in relative harmony for thousands of years. Then appeared the US Embassy. Intellectuals began to claim the island was theirs, citing historical evidence. That fanned the flames.

The devil was similarly responsible for the Hindu-Muslim riots at the time of the partition of India, Christian missionaries out to do "humanitarian"

work have incited the Sikhs and Nagas to demand separate states. The same is true in the case of the Sikhs. Is this not exactly what is happening in Lebanon?

Why are these ethnic clashes occurring only in Asia? Why have no Asians spoken out against this? And why, oh why, the clamour for US style democracy by the Chinese students? That the perpetrators have no love for poor Asians is exemplified by Britain's refusal to allow them into Britain. They are only to be used for their purposes and then discarded like old leather. One will find that each and every US Embassy is researching in great detail local ethnic, religious, caste differences — to be used later to their advantage. Western tourists are no less guilty: they bring in the drugs and killer diseases.

M.J. Thomas, Safat.

Indian hegemony

AS prime minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto constantly harped on India's hegemonistic attitude. The invasion of Goa by Indian forces in 1961, the annexation of Sikkim despite the wishes of Morarji Desai, the recent show of muscle power in tiny Nepal, and direct involvement in the Bangladesh liberation war — these all exemplify Bhutto's accusation. During the Bangladesh war, Sri Lanka chose to support India's opponent in order to counter-balance India's imperialistic policy. So India sent its troops down to Sri Lanka and overstayed its welcome.

India has ruined its non-aligned status. Its troops have always played dirty after invading foreign territory. In Goa, they looted shops and homes in broad daylight and 'misbehaved' with the women,

In Bangladesh too, they pillaged and raped — and created a generation of illegitimate, just as the British Army did in Germany. Amnesty International recently indicted India's Peace-keeping Forces for their shameful behaviour in Sri Lanka, India, the country of Mahatma Gandhi, is guilty of the very crimes for which it condemns Cuba in Angola and the US in Vietnam.

IPKF withdrawal from Sri Lanka is admittedly a positive sign, but India must ensure that all its forces are brought back as soon as possible — as per the wishes of the Sri Lankan president. If Rajiv Gandhi wishes to win over the voters in Tamil Nadu before the forthcoming elections, he should take care of this issue at once, rather than allow it to drag on as he has the massacre of Hindus in the Punjab. Its direct involvement in Sri Lanka has not only tarnished its image abroad, but also led to heavy financial and military losses. Rajiv should be accountable to the people for frittering away India's meagre resources, taxpayers' money that could have been far better utilised in the development of the masses of India. It is a shame that the principal architect of the prevailing problems in Sri Lanka, the British, are maintaining deep silence over the issue.

Tamils came to Lanka to fill their belly and not to ferment a war or to demand a state within a state. The Sinhalese should acknowledge the many sacrifices made by the Tamils to further the development of the country. They deserve equal rights. This is the only possible solution to the present crisis in Sri Lanka. Until it is resolved neighbouring giants will continue to fish in troubled waters, hoping to disintegrate the once peaceful island.

A. Veronica Fernandes, Safat.

Israeli raid

Camping communists

"THE problem will not be solved unless a Palestinian state is created."

Israelis hear that message often. But this time the speaker was three-year-old boy at summer camp, living not in the violence-torn occupied areas but in relatively tranquil Israel.

Firas, one of 250 Arab children at the "Red Star" day camp, offered his political views to a total stranger after a police raid on the camp.

The camp is run by the Israeli Communist party in the northern Arab town of Shfaram. Organisers of the camp say they teach Palestinian politics, history and literature and preach co-existence between Arab and Jew, hoping to foster non-violent attitudes among young Israeli Arabs.

Police said the children at the camp, who are all Arab, were practising throwing stones — the main weapon of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

They briefly detained seven camp organisers and said they would be charged with identifying with the outlawed Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Police fear the uprising could spread from the occupied areas to Israel.

More of Israel's 600,000 Arab citizens vote for the Communist party than for any other.

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev said during a speech to parliament about Red Star and other camps that were raided: "The situation in which the State of Israel finds itself and the demographic composition of the citizens of Israel give rise to extremism."

"If we do not put a stop to it, Gold help us."

Israel's 3.5 million Jews outnumber its Arab citizens and the 1.7 million Arabs in the occupied territories, but the Arab birth rate is higher.

The opposition Communist party, which has two Jewish and two Arab legislators in the 120-member Parliament, wants a Palestinian state to be set up alongside Israel.

"We are not breaking the law, just passing on our political opinions," said 18-year-old Mahmoud Hatib, an organiser of Red Star camp.

He said the day camp taught its children to cope without resorting to violence, with the fact that Arab children in the occupied areas had been killed.

Rami Ennabtawi, 12, said he enjoyed the lessons. The subjects were not taught in his Israeli school.

Mohammed Baraky, secretary of the Communist party in Shfaram, said: "If we don't direct the answers toward peace and co-existence, there is a fear the children will react with extremism and confusion."

"These two options are not healthy for our people or for the State of Israel."

Nearly 600 Arabs and 40 Jews have been killed in the 19-month-old uprising.

Baraky said the four-year-old camp, far from being an "intifada (uprising) camp" as the police have labelled it, was run the same way before the uprising began.

"I want a complete camp that will deal with everything, especially if there are social and political problems," he said.

He said the party ran at last 10 other camps around the country.

Children at Red Star said they were frightened when police arrested counsellors and ripped down posters from trees and tents.

Ten-year-old Manar Sgaya said her parents did not discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict at home and that the camp had taught her to "want peace between the two peoples."

"I want to continue in this camp and I want to ask the police not to break it up," she said.

Bar-Lev said police confiscated posters of a child waving an outlawed Palestinian flag and a woman brandishing stones. One poster read: "The way to freedom is to bathe in blood," he said.

Since the raid the camp organisers, all volunteers, have replaced the posters with similar ones.

Others read "Peace for the land of our fathers" and "Two states equals the only solution to war and occupation." Another said "the intifada is the declaration of the Palestinian people for freedom and peace."

The tents are named after Palestinian historians, artists and writers. (Rexter — Shfaram)

Quote me

"This lie was leaked by the State Department for political reasons. They tried to destroy Dr Martin Luther King with a lie. I'm in good company." — US Representative Gus Savage, responding to accusations of sexual misconduct.

"The canopy is part of history. To demolish it is a primitive approach. It is not the approach of a civilised society." — Manish Rana, a former government architect said about a proposal to put Gandhi's statue under a canopy.

"Begin with forgiveness, because when you forgive there is peace, love and happiness." — Mother Teresa said during a visit to Peru.

"This 'perfect gift from above' descends to fill the hearts of all people and to gather them into the church, constituting them the people of God of the new and everlasting covenant." — Pope John Paul said.

"We will support those of our youth who die in sacrifice because it is through that action that our liberation will be assured." — Peter Makoba, president of South African Youth Congress said.

"Our God is not a neutral God. There can be no neutrality when there is oppression. Our God is on the side of the hungry and oppressed." — Desmond Tutu said on South Africa's apartheid policy.

"No foreign uncle is going to solve this problem for us." — Yuri Maslyukov, chairman of Soviet State Planning Committee said about Soviet economy.

"If we follow the road of strikes, no one will benefit from it, and low-paid sections of the population will be hurt." — Soviet Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov said about miners' strike.

"This was a local issue, it is a matter of great regret that Jamiat took a harsh view." — Gulabdin Helmaty, Afghan rebel leader said about rebel killings.

"This problem is going to be solved through a process of quiet and patient diplomacy and not with public statements." — Marnack Goding, head of United Nations peacekeeping operations said during a visit to Syria.

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Ready and able

Palestinian commandos participate in a military show on Saturday during an assault course in Syria run by a group of Fatah rebels led by Mohammed Saad Musa, known as Abu Musa. (Reuters wirephoto)

Fatah rejects gage to Arafat

TUNIS, Tunisia, Aug 5. (Agencies) An overwhelming majority of the roughly 1,000 delegates to the general congress of the Fatah movement, the main component of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, has rejected hard-line challenges to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, congress officials said today.

"There were some tense debates on political questions brought about by the hard-liners," said Nabil Chant, political adviser to Arafat. "But, in fact, this has become largely Arafat's congress."

The hard-liners opposed to Arafat's decision last year to renounce terrorism and accepting Israel's right to exist, "have turned out to be less numerous and less noisy than some of the top Fatah leaders had feared," Chant said.

All substantive discussions of the congress have been held behind closed doors. The only journalists who have been admitted are Palestinians who are also Fatah delegates.

Backing

On its first two days, the congress — the first to be held by Fatah since 1980 — gave its full backing to the peace initiative adopted at Arafat's urging last November by the Palestine National Council, Chant and other delegates said.

Specifically, as reported by delegates, the Palestinian news agency Wafa, the congress approved the PNC's proclamation of an independent Palestinian state, endorsed Arafat's acceptance of UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, and gave its full support to the 20-month-old Palestinian intifada, or uprising.

In an impassioned speech before the congress yesterday, his 60th birthday, Arafat vigorously defended the peace plan, and obtained the Fatah movement's almost unanimous approval, delegates said.

The main task of the fifth general congress, since Fatah was founded in Kuwait in 1959 is to renew and enlarge the membership of the central committee, of which Arafat is chairman.

The panel has been reduced to 10 members by three assassinations among the leadership and two departures of dissidents. The central committee is to be enlarged to 20 or 21 members by the current congress.

Several of the hard-liners challenged the timeliness and effectiveness of Arafat's peace moves at yesterday's sessions, delegates said, and he spoke repeatedly in the debate to defend his actions.

The Palestinian Wafa news agency reported yesterday that the congress proved that Fatah had overcome its internal divisions and regained its unity following widespread defections in 1983.

The congress has split into political, financial and organisational committees and is scheduled to close Monday, but delegates said it could well be extended for several days.

Arafat has challenged Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir and the Israeli leadership to end the Palestinian uprising before terminating the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Arafat, in an interview with Egyptian weekly October published today, recalled that Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the very days of the uprising was in Washington and said "give me two days to end the uprising."

The Palestinian President said now "we are entering the 22nd month of the intifada despite the Palestinians' losses there have surpassed \$2,800 million due to the loss of the tourism revenues in the West Bank."

He noted that Israel's losses in the same period had reached \$3,700 million in addition to mobilising 70,000 strong Army to confront the revolting Palestinians.

Shamir's election plan is directed to Jordan and not the PLO, Arafat said and reiterated his statement to the US that he accepted the elections on the same conditions applied to Namibia namely a partial withdrawal, redeployment of the Israeli troops and setting a timetable for their withdrawal within 27 months with the UN participation in supervising the election process.

Hekmatyar to boycott rebel govt 'Party holds rivals'

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Aug 5. (AP) A hard-line Afghan rebel leader said today his party still holds some rival rebels captive following a clash between rebel groups last month.

He also threatened to boycott the US-backed insurgents' self-proclaimed government because it has failed to hold elections.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, head of the fundamentalist Hezb-i-Islami, said elections throughout war-ravaged Afghanistan and in refugee camps in Pakistan were essential to stopping internal clashes among the rebels fighting to oust Afghanistan's communist government.

"It would kill the tendency toward armed clashes. This is the only way of putting an end to our problems..." the bearded turbaned Hekmatyar told a news conference.

It was his first public appearance since his backers were accused July 9 of killing 32 members of another rebel group, the Jamiat-i-Islami, or Party of Islam, in northern Afghanistan.

Hekmatyar, who has drawn heavy military backing from the United States through Pakistan, said only 11 Jamiat men were killed but that 30 others "are being held captive and are still alive."

He did not give conditions for their release.

Hekmatyar claimed his men ambushed the Jamiat rebels because they had repeatedly attacked his local headquarters in northern Takhar province.

He called the clash a "local, regional conflict" and not a war between the two parties.

Jamiat leader Burhanuddin Rabbani has called for Hekmatyar's group to be suspended from the "interim" government proclaimed by their fractious, seven-party rebel alliance based in Pakistan.

The rebels formed the government last February during a series of acrimonious meetings in Islamabad, the Pakistani capital. It was designed to take over if they succeeded in toppling the Kabul government after Soviet troops completed their withdrawal from Afghanistan that month.

Hekmatyar joined it as foreign minister on condition that it held elections within six months.

In response to a question today, he indicated he would give up on the 5-month-old government if elections were not held by Aug 10.

"Elections would include other parties, provide a legitimate body to draw up a constitution, dispense with tribal prejudices and present internal fighting," Hekmatyar said through an interpreter.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Bahrain asserts

ABU DHABI, Aug 5. (KUNA) Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, who is currently visiting Washington today asserted that his country will keep the US-made Stinger missiles, due to be returned to the US last June.

In a statement to the United Arab Emirates daily Al Itihad, published here today, Sheikh Mubarak added that the issue of keeping the missiles is a matter of formalities now between the American administration and the Congress.

Iran hangs

NICOSIA, Aug 5. (Reuters) Iran hanged a total of 41 people for drug trafficking or prostitution yesterday and today, the Iranian news agency IRNA said.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said the 41 "notorious drug smugglers and brothel organisers" included 21 people executed in Tehran's Qasr prison and three hanged in a public street in the south of the Iranian capital yesterday.

S. Arabia beheads

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia, Aug 5. (Reuters) Saudi Arabia publicly beheaded an Ethiopian and a Saudi after prayers following their conviction for murder, the Interior Ministry said.

Ethiopian Abdullahi Adem Ahmed was executed in the Red Sea port of Jeddah for stabbing to death Ethiopian Fatema Rashid Ibrahim and her children, Abdul Rahman and Wedvan.

Battle to curb

ANKARA, Aug 5. (Reuters) Turkey, on a major drug-running route between Asia and Europe, is battling to curb a sharp increase in smuggling, narcotics experts say.

They report a steep rise in the amount of drugs, including heroin and hashish, entering Turkey from Syria, Lebanon and Iran, especially after the end of the Gulf war a year ago.

Interior Ministry figures show that Turkey has seized more smuggled drugs in the first six months of 1989 than in the whole of last year. A total of 1,961 kg (4,314 pounds) were seized in the six months of 1989, compared with 1,946 kg (4,281 pounds) in 1988.

Premier recovers

CLEVELAND, Aug 5. (AP) Egyptian Minister Atef M.N. Sedky was progressing well after undergoing heart bypass surgery at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital on July 24, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Sedky, whose presence at the clinic was not revealed until this week, was described as being "in excellent condition" yesterday, according to clinic spokeswoman Marion Mosely.

Refugees caught

PADRBORG, Denmark, Aug 5. (Reuters) Danish border police said yesterday they had caught a total of 30 people trying to enter the country illegally this week from West Germany.

The latest group of 10 refugees — most of them Iranian — was caught in the Padborg border area on Wednesday night.

Up to the end of July, police had arrested 308 refugees and 4107 refugee smugglers, slightly more than in the same 1988 period, a police spokesman said.

Border dispute

NICOSIA, Aug 5. (Reuters) Two Chadian envoys held talks in Tripoli with Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi after a summit meeting failed last month to end a protracted border dispute between the two countries, Libyan radio said today.

The radio, monitored in Nicosia, said the envoys handed the Libyan leader a written message from Chadian President Hissene Habre last night.

Official visit

RABAT, Aug 5. (KUNA) Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will pay a visit to Morocco next September, the Saudi daily Ashraq Al Awsat reported today.

The visit falls in the context of President Mubarak's efforts aimed at making Morocco reintegrate into the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) whose chairmanship is currently assumed by Egypt, the daily said.

Emergency landing

MOSCOW, Aug 5. (Reuters) An Iranian airliner flying from Moscow to Tehran made an emergency landing in the south Russian town of Mineralnye Vody after a sudden loss of cabin pressure due to a faulty door seal. Tass reported today.

Inmates killed at desert prison

Jabalia under curfew

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 5. (Agencies) The Army said today that two Palestinian inmates at a desert prison camp were slain by other detainees. But it was not clear if the killing was motivated by politics.

"During the count of prisoners at the Ketziot detention centre this morning, the bodies of two prisoners were found. They were killed by fellow inmates," an Army spokesman said.

Palestinian inmates have killed several other detainees accused of collaborating with Israeli authorities in the Negev desert camp, which holds Palestinians arrested without trial during the uprising against Israeli occupation that erupted in December 1987.

Arab and Israeli reporters said the new killing appeared to stem from a personal quarrel. The Army said the incident was under investigation.

It identified the dead men as 28-year-old Ziad Added Mohammed Al Banna from the Gaza Strip and 32-year-old Salim Ali Al Jesh, also from the Gaza Strip.

Arab reporters said Al Banna was detained six months ago for hurling firebombs to enforce a commercial strike and Al Jesh was accused of throwing stones.

At least 88 Arabs suspected of collaborating with Israel have been killed by other Arabs since the uprising began. Army gunfire and Israeli settlers have killed 527 Palestinians, while 38 Israelis have died.

Israel radio said troops imposed a curfew this morning on the Jabalia refugee camp and Tel Al Sultan neighbourhood in the Gaza Strip.

Arab reporters said that troops in the two camps summoned all males between the ages of 15 and 50 to central areas for questioning.

Arab journalists also reported that troops shot and wounded at least two people during disturbances in the Gaza Strip.

They said 11-year-old Ziad Abu Hillal of the Rafah refugee camp was treated at a hospital after a rubber bullet struck him above the left eye, while 23-year-old Abdul-Hadi Ibrahim Abu Ateiah of Gaza was treated at Ahi hospital for a leg wound caused by a plastic bullet.

The Army had no immediate information on the incidents.

The Army spokesman's office and military sources said today that two homemade pipe bombs connected to a timer exploded last night beside a road leading to an Army camp near the village of Zababdeh in the West Bank, about 65 kilometres (40 miles) north of Jerusalem.

The outgoing head of Israel's central command handed over his post yesterday, saying the

"relative calm" in the West Bank showed Israel's authority in the territory could not be undermined.

Maj Gen Amram Mitzna's command over the central district has kept him at the front of the military's attempts to quell the nearly 20-month-old Palestinian uprising. Mitzna, who began a one-year leave to study at Harvard University, relinquished his command to Maj Gen Yitzhak Mordechai after holding the post since May 1987.

During the uprising, Mitzna repeatedly came under fire from Israeli settlers in the West Bank who argued he was not taking harsh enough measures to halt the violence.

A senior US envoy said today he held a useful hour-long meeting with Egyptian President Mubarak on efforts to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

US Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly, quoted by the national Middle East News Agency (MENA), said he and Mubarak exchanged views on how to make peace between the Palestinians and Israelis.

Kelly, the new man in charge of Washington's Middle East policy, arrived in Cairo yesterday from Israel where he met 13 Palestinian representatives in the US consulate.

American and Palestinian officials admitted yesterday that a meeting between Kelly in Jerusalem on Thursday and 13 West Bank Palestinian leaders was "heated and stormy."

The officials, all of whom asked to remain anonymous, agreed that the Palestinian notables had laid down what were described as some "hardline positions" that reflected the official line of the PLO.

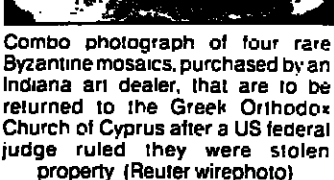
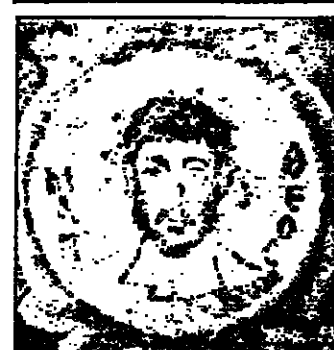
Unlike in the past when Palestinian officials turned down an invitation to meet with visiting American officials, this time 13 of the 14 notables attended the meeting with Kelly.

Those attending included Faisal Hussein, Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Mustafa Naisheh, Radwan Abu Ayyash, Hanan Mikhael Ashrawi, and Ghassan Khatib, among others.

According to officials from both sides, the first thing the West Bank leaders made clear to Kelly was that they considered themselves only agents for the PLO, which officially sanctioned the meetings like this last month.

The Palestinians then reportedly handed him a letter that said, "we view our meeting as part of the ongoing dialogue between the US and the PLO."

It added, "this meeting would indeed have had greater import and significance had it been preceded by official talks between yourself and the PLO officials."



Combo photograph of four rare Byzantine mosaics, purchased by an Indiana art dealer, that are to be returned to the Greek Orthodox Church of Cyprus after a US federal judge ruled they were stolen property (Reuters wirephoto)

Mosaics release delayed

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 5. (AP) A federal judge yesterday delayed ruling on a motion by the Republic of Cyprus seeking immediate possession of four 6th century mosaics an Indiana art dealer had been ordered to surrender.

US District Judge James E. Noland said he would decide Tuesday when the Cypriots could take possession of the mosaics, which remain locked in an Indianapolis vault.

Noland ruled Thursday that Peg L. Goldberg of suburban Indianapolis must return the mosaics, which were removed from a Greek Orthodox church in Cyprus about 10 years ago.

Attorneys for Ms Goldberg, meanwhile, filed a motion yesterday to keep the mosaics in Indiana pending a possible appeal.

Emerging from a meeting with Noland, an attorney for the Cypriots said his clients were more determined than ever to reclaim the mosaics.

"We would like to see the mosaics in Nicosia as soon as possible," said attorney Thomas R. Kline of Washington.

In his ruling Thursday, Noland said Ms Goldberg never obtained title to the mosaics, which she bought for \$1.1 million last summer in Switzerland.

The ruling did not address damages, custody or transfer of the mosaics.

Beirut baffles US

US rescue unlikely

Hamstrung

WASHINGTON, Aug 5. (Reuters) Despite an array of powerful and accurate US weapons in the Middle East, experts say recent experience and a lack of key intelligence suggests President George Bush has little chance of rescuing American hostages in Lebanon.

Cruise missiles with maps in their electronic brains and US Navy bombers carrying laser-guided bombs are good for American vengeance but of no value in a rescue, analysts agreed.

Even if the Pentagon knew where to find the nine American hostages in Lebanon, the analysts say neither the 2,400 US Marines in the 6th fleet in the Mediterranean nor an elite rescue team could safely retrieve all of the captives.

One of the hostages, Joseph Cicippio, was threatened with death on Thursday, three days after US Marine Lieutenant Colonel William Higgins was reported hanged in retaliation for Israel's abduction of a top Muslim leader in south Lebanon.

"I'm very, very frustrated and disappointed that we don't have that intelligence on hostage whereabouts," said retired Army Colonel Charlie Beckwith, who led the disastrous US attempt to rescue US Embassy hostages in Tehran in 1980.

"For the last 10 years, we've all been screaming that we need human assets on the ground to provide this kind of information," said Beckwith on US television.

Despite memories of burned helicopters and dead US troops in the Iranian desert after an accident that wrecked his rescue mission, Beckwith said it might be time for surgical, punitive strikes in Lebanon and Iran to let the world know America is tough.

"Absolutely not," countered Robert Hunter, an expert with the Washington-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

Hunter said strikes in Iran to cool alleged support of terrorism or bombing raids on reported guerrilla training camps in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley would mean little.

"God forbid any more (hostages) are going to be killed. If we went in now, all we would do is guarantee that they are killed — and probably a good deal of other people," said Hunter.

Pentagon officials told Reuters this week that a 25-ship US armada in the Mediterranean, including the aircraft carrier Coral Sea and battleship Iowa, and additional ships in the Indian Ocean have detailed plans for possible strikes against both Lebanon and Iran.

"But what would a raid do except give people satisfaction? The president has got to think about the hostage families," said one official who asked not to be identified.

Military expert Barry Blechman of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington said Tomahawk cruise missiles carried by the Iowa and as many as four cruisers in the Mediterranean could be used in a strike.

Such weapons have a range of more than 500 miles, "but aren't much use in a rescue attempt," Blechman said.

A-6 Navy attack bombers aboard the Coral Sea in the Mediterranean and aircraft carrier America in the Indian Ocean could be used for bombing strikes, but other experts said the United States would run the risk of having pilots captured.

A US warplane was shot down in a bombing raid over Lebanon in 1984, leaving Lieutenant Robert Goodman a captive.

A US government booklet, Terrorist Group Profiles, says Hezbollah has approximately 3,000 full-time members, with perhaps 500 directly involved in terrorism, and is led by a shura (council) that reports to Tehran.

The booklet names six leading officials, including Sheikh Abbas Musawi who some experts say directs guerrilla operations, and it gives the organisation's first goal as establishment of an Iranian-style Shiite Islamic republic in Lebanon.

The publication also lists 40 operations it says Hezbollah carried out between its foundation in 1983 and 1988, including the kidnapping of Higgins, a UN truce observer, in February 1988.

Western experts are confident that the various groups that have claimed the kidnapping of hostages, including the Organisation of Oppressed of the World which said it killed Higgins, are either aliases for Hezbollah or directly affiliated to it.

"In some cases Hezbollah has less control. But Hezbollah is the paymaster, it has the access to Iranian money, weapons and back-up," Tusa said.

King Faisal's statue restored

BAGHDAD, Aug 5. (Reuters) Iraq inaugurated today a replica of a statue of the late King Faisal which was destroyed by angry crowds when the monarchy was toppled three decades ago.

It was erected in a Baghdad square, where the destroyed statue once stood, in Iraq's latest move to pay tribute to its monarchs as patriotic opponents of foreign rule.

"Re-erecting King Faisal's statue was done on the orders of President Saddam Hussein, stemming from his respect for King Faisal, the founder of the Iraqi state and a genuine Arab leader," said Information Minister Laif Nassif Al Jassam.

The four-metre-high bronze statue, sculptured by an Italian, shows King Faisal on a horse and wearing Arab headgear.

Faisal, a descendant of the Hashemite family, was born in the Arabian city of Taif in 1885 and crowned King of Iraq in 1922. He died of a heart attack in Switzerland in 1933.

The government has spent \$3.2 million this year to renovate Baghdad's royal cemetery which contains the remains of Faisal I, his son Ghazi and grandson Faisal II.

Several books published recently in Iraq have praised the role of Faisal I and his son Ghazi in struggling against the British mandate over Iraq, which ended in 1932, and later British influence over the country.

King Ghazi was killed in a car crash in 1939. Many Iraqis were convinced he was murdered by British agents.

Jordan to allow election lists despite ban on political parties

AMMAN, Aug 5. (Reuters) Jordan's Interior Minister Salem Masa'deh said yesterday that candidates would be allowed to run in lists in November parliamentary elections despite an official ban on political parties.

"The government does not at all interfere in the issue of (election) lists," Masa'deh said in a televised interview.

He said the country's first parliamentary elections in 22 years would take place between November 8 and 18.

King Hussein dissolved the lower house, elected just before he broke Jordan's ties with the Israeli-held West Bank.

Half the members of the 60-seat house represented the West Bank, which had been united with Jordan since 1950.

Political parties have been banned in Jordan since 1957 but Masa'deh's statement indicated that candidates sharing political interests could run in electoral alliances.

"I hope our candidates will be objective, appreciate their responsibilities and realise what the country needs to boost its existence and stability," he added.

Masa'deh said a national covenant governing all aspects of Jordan's economic, social and political life would be prepared after the elections and this charter might allow political parties to resume activities under certain conditions.

Many people of Palestinian origin live in Jordan and will be entitled to vote in the elections and stand for parliament.

Minister called to step down

Kurds leave for France

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey, Aug 5. (Reuters) A second group of Iraqi Kurdish refugees flew to France for resettlement on Thursday, leaving thousands of others pleading for asylum in Europe.

The 151 people, turbaned ex-rebels and their families, many still in the clothes in which they fled a year ago, boarded an Air France Boeing 727 in Diyarbakir in southeast Turkey to begin a new life in the West.

"My body will be in France but my mind in the camp we left behind," said Ramzi Bamerni, 23. "If the others can't go it will be a catastrophe. The heat and conditions (are) awful."

The first group of 183 refugees left for the French city of Clermont-Ferrand on Tuesday, chosen during a visit to refugee camps by Danielle Mitterrand, wife of the French President and a supporter of Kurdish rights.

The chosen refugees all come from Mardin camp, a tent city where 15,000 other residents are gripped with the apparently unrealistic hope that Western countries will grant them asylum as well.

Kurdish demonstrators occupied the London office of Turkish Airlines today in a protest against Turkey's treatment of its Kurdish minority.

A police spokeswoman said 30 to 40 men, women and children occupied the ticket hall of the central London office for about two hours, waving anti-Turkish banners and chanting slogans.

prison authorities after they discovered inmates were trying to tunnel to freedom.

Police today detained about 100 leftists who held an unauthorised march and refused to obey orders to disperse, the semi-official Anatolia news agency said.

The leftists marched for three kilometres (2 miles) to a bus terminal from where they planned to travel to Ankara to attend a tomorrow rally to protest deaths and alleged oppression in Turkish prisons, the agency said.

PEOPLE

Mickey Rourke reveals a soft centre

Hellraising spirituality

By Marina Shamoon

BELEAGUED Mickey Rourke, accused of giving away a fortune to help the I.R.A., told me he could never forsake his worldly goods for a lofty cause. He liked his wealth, fame and "things left to your imagination" too much.

In fact, 35-year-old Mickey told me he could never be like St. Francis of Assisi, the character he plays in the movie *Francesco*. It is part of his earnings for this film that Mickey is said to have donated to Joe Doherty, who is in prison in New York.

Mickey said: "It was hard for me to think of myself as the character *Francesco*. The difficulty was playing a man who is able to walk away from everything that you seem to value in life."

"To *Francesco*, the most important thing in his life is his relationship with God. I would love to do as *Francesco* did but I am not strong enough for that."

And the man Hollywood knows as a dedicated hellraiser suddenly showed me an amazingly spiritual side. Mickey, born to an Irish Catholic tradition said quietly: "I believe in God and I've always prayed every night. Now, I always remember to include a 'hello' to St. Francis."

This side of Mickey's nature is completely at odds with his public image. Beneath the rough edges, there is a soft centre which he only reveals to those he is close to.

Amongst them are his estranged actress wife Debra Feuer, his steady girlfriend model Terri Farrell and his younger brother Joey who is battling against cancer.

Although Mickey has been separated from his wife for three and half years, he admits he still loves her. He even cast her in his movie *Homeboy* about boxer Johnny Walker.

In *Homeboy*, which Mickey produced as well as starred in, Debra played his on screen girlfriend. Many people were surprised to learn that Debra was his wife.

Mickey married Debra eight-

years ago, before he became a hot-shot movie star and the fact that the marriage has not survived still niggles Mickey.

His eyes downcast, Mickey said candidly: "I feel guilty about my marriage, the whole time. I'm not a quitter and a quit."

"But we're still good friends and I love Debra so much. I'm happy we ended up friends. She was the first person who made me start feeling good about myself."

This touching tenderness is not only confined to Debra. Mickey has been like a father to younger brother Joey.

Joey was diagnosed as suffering from a form of Parkinson's disease and was twice given the last rites but with Mickey's support, he pulled through.

Mickey paid the hospital bills and made sure that Joey received the best possible medical treatment that money can buy. Mickey even invited Joey to his film sets.

The two brothers have been inseparable since their difficult childhood in the rough and tough streets of Miami. Born in Schenectady, New York, Mickey was heartbroken when his

mother married a policeman and moved to Miami.

Soon home became a battleground as the two boys were outnumbered by five stepbrothers and outgunned by their policeman stepfather.

Even at a young age, Mickey showed the arrogance and stubbornness which made his life miserable. He refused to call his stepfather Dad.

Mickey kept his sanity by day-dreaming. He said: "When you're so screwed up, confused, unhappy, you have to make things up to feel good."

Add to survive in the tough neighbourhood, rebellious Mickey took up boxing. Everyday, he would go to the gym and train. Soon he developed into a promising fighter but lack of commitment put an end to any hopes of making a career out of the sport.

Soon, boys from other neighbourhoods wanted to take him on. Later, Mickey was to recall that it was at that time he needed his father most.

Mickey was in his twenties when he was finally reunited with his father. But the meeting came

too late, as Mickey recalled. "I needed him when I was a kid when I was getting my head bounced off the wall."

It was also in his twenties that Mickey turned his hand to writing. Mickey wrote the original story of *Homeboy* 10 years ago.

The story is about an unknown boxer called Johnny Walker who Mickey met in the gym where he trained. And Johnny, who was seven years older than Mickey, was deteriorating in front of Mickey's eyes.

The same could have happened to Mickey. But instead he headed for New York where he studied acting with Sandra Seacat. To earn some extra cash, Mickey took a succession of jobs as a restaurant bouncer and door-to-door salesman.

After his graduation, Mickey moved to Los Angeles and made his acting debut as a psychopath in the television film *City In Fear*.

This brought him to the attention of director Steven Spielberg who cast him in the spoof war film 1941. But it was his role as an arsonist in *Body Heat* which won him critical acclaim.

Other roles include *Diner*, *Eureka* and *Rumble Fish* in which he played the mythical deaf and colour-blind 'Motorcycle Boy'. This was a role close to his heart for Mickey is motorcycle enthusiast.

Mickey's most treasured possession is a gleaming, custom-made Harley-Davidson machine. He had two of the \$40,000 bikes flown from Los Angeles to Rome when filming *Francesco*.

But it was in the steamy film *9 1/2 Weeks* that Mickey sent a shudder down women's spines. From then on, Mickey was in the realm of sex symbols.

Mickey has made only about half-a-dozen films since he thundered onto the screen. But in that time, he has carved out a niche for himself as a major force in Hollywood.

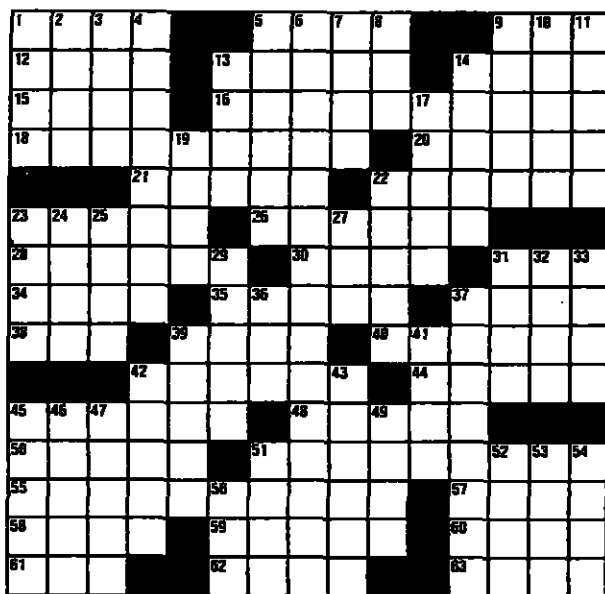
Recently, he played an IRA terrorist in *A Prayer For The Dying*. And in *Barfly* Mickey portrayed an alcoholic loser and poet — a role which some critics said he did not have to practice for.



Mickey Rourke and Faye Dunaway in 'Barfly'

Mickey Rourke: 'To *Francesco*, the most important thing in his life is his relationship with God. I would love to do as *Francesco* did but I am not strong enough for that.'

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Former sovereign of Iran
 - Chums
 - Main and Elm: Aisle
 - Domesticated creature
 - Shady recess
 - Home of the Incas
 - Hershey of baseball
 - Used up foolishly
 - Rueful ones
 - Namesakes of an Aida
 - Columbus caravel
 - Fast
 - Honeydew or casaba
 - Caretaker for baby
 - Worshiped
 - Close
 - Health resort
 - Part of a dollar
 - Allude (to)
 - Type of carpet
 - Chem. ending
 - Shakespearean king
 - Fast
 - Cleric
 - Duos of a type
 - Principles
 - Earn
 - Ancient Greek market place
 - Labored
 - Painstakingly particular
 - Sea bird
 - Summers along the Seine
 - Came up
 - Bridle strap
 - French pronoun
 - The Venerable

- DOWN**
- Matched groups of china
 - Street sign
 - Long-eared creature
 - So be it!
 - Landing place for certain aircraft
 - Publishes
 - Fast
 - Profit's opposite
 - Lanka
 - Bristles
 - Tendency
 - Soapy, foamy
 - Yemen seaport
 - Less colorful
 - Gift for a first anniversary
 - Fork prong
 - Plays the lead
 - East Indian
 - spice
 - Paradise
 - Solitary
 - Golf gadget
 - Shirwaist or sheath
 - Close
 - Remove rind
 - Ripens
 - Opposite of 6 Down
 - Strews
 - Veranda, in Hawaii
 - Eastern ruler
 - Harbors
 - Spurn
 - Eateries
 - Marble
 - Some are Roman
 - American Beauty
 - The Emerald Isle
 - Not restrained
 - One
 - Camera part
 - Little bit

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BANS RAISE MAST
OXEN ANGEL ANTI
ZERO BOOTS SNAG
DOWN IN THE MOUTH
DUD INLET
APART ATOMS
LOCO TAMED OHM
SLIP OF THE TONGUE
OLD ORION ERRS
MACES DUETS
STRAP SUR
TOOTH FOR A TOOTH
ERGO ARENA TOUR
AMEN NADER IGLU
METE GLOWS CALM

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

WHICH FINESSE?

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A J 7
♥ K 10 7
♦ 7 6
♣ Q 10 7 6 3

EAST
♠ Q 6
♥ 8 6 5
♦ Q J 8 3 2
♣ K 8 4

SOUTH
♠ K 10 9 8
♥ A Q 2
♦ K 10
♣ A J 9 2

The bidding:
South 1 NT West 3 NT East Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♣

When you have a choice of finesses, how do you know which one to take? In his lesson series, Eddie Kantar presents a simple rule: When you need only one finesse and you are missing the queen in one suit and the king in another, play the ace-king of the suit in which you are missing the queen and, if the queen doesn't drop, take the finesse in the other suit. He gives this example.

The bidding is simple enough. North simply adds his 10 points to partner's announced 16-18 and, with a balanced hand and no four-card major, proceeds directly to his goal.

Note West's lead of his fourth-best diamond, not the queen, which might be right against a suit contract. East wins the ace and returns the four, the correct way to show an original holding of four cards in the suit. Declarer wins and, with only seven fast winners, has to decide which black-suit to tackle to develop the extra tricks he needs.

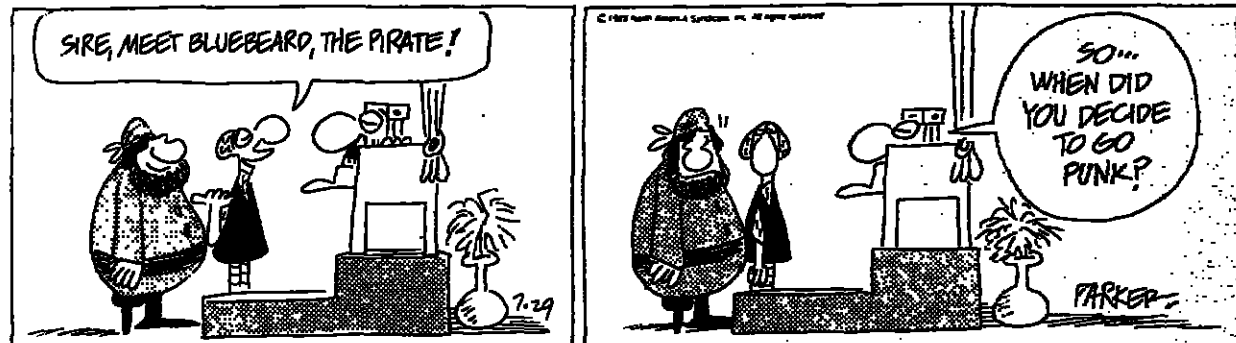
It might seem natural to go after clubs first, since you have nine cards in that suit as against only seven in spades. Indeed, in duplicate pairs, where overtricks matter, it is probably the line you should adopt. But at rubber bridge you can combine your chances and significantly increase the odds of bringing home the contract. Following Kantar's rule, you should first cash the ace-king of spades. If you are lucky, as is the case here, the queen will fall and you have nine tricks. That's about a 16 percent chance, nothing to be sneezed at. If her majesty doesn't appear, you fall back on the club finesse and are no worse off.



"You didn't have any money either when you married Mom!"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Nothing will be quite the way you would like it to be, but there are some good omens nonetheless. You should avoid getting on other people's nerves. Do not allow yourself to be distracted. Be fair.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Keep your eyes and mind on what you are doing. You should try to avoid slips of the tongue. Make sure you do not exceed limits of safety or propriety. Be sensible.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You are more liable to mistakes so always check your results carefully. Everything is taking longer than you had hoped. Avoid expecting others to do what you would like them to do. Be accurate.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

If you are continually doing something wrong you must try a new approach. Do not allow yourself to be intimidated. Make sure others understand what you mean. Be a little more generous.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should not rely on luck to get you out of trouble. Make sure you do not annoy your neighbors. Take a little more interest in something that interests your partner. Be considerate.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You should not think the world owes you a living. Instead make sure you play your part and pull your weight. Watch out for mistakes, both by you and by others. Be resolute.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

Not everything will be to your liking but you will be able to cope. Do not spend too much time daydreaming. Take more care of your personal appearance. Be more cautious.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Avoid doing anything that might give offence. Set your children a good example. Something you have been learning will now become second nature. Do not spend more than you are earning. Be polite.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Make sure you do not do anything reckless or impulsive. Take regular exercise but nothing too violent. Do not expect to be loved without loving in your turn. Be tactful.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

This is no time for sleep deprivation. Try to avoid becoming set in your ways. It is time to take a change but consider it carefully first. Make sure you do not get so used to what you begin to put too much on the moderate.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Try to keep up a steady rhythm rather than idling and then rushing. Your lucky numbers are 24 and 20. You are liable to take too much for granted. Make sure you are keeping a promise. Be honest.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

If you eat sensibly you will not have to worry about your weight. Do your best but always consider how you could do better. Do not get set in your ways. Be brave.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

ARCO reports

Big oil find

LOS ANGELES, Aug 5, (Reuters): Atlantic Richfield Co said today a new well being tested in Alaska is the largest found in the United States since 1982.

Tests on the point McIntyre well, two miles (three km) north of the Alaskan oil centre of Prudhoe Bay, showed oil flowing at a generous rate of 5,400 barrels a day, underscoring Alaska's importance to US self-sufficiency in energy.

The point McIntyre find is the nation's largest since the Point Fedales field was found off California in 1982 and the largest Alaskan discovery since the Endicott field in 1978, said Susan Andrews, spokeswoman for ARCO's Alaska unit.

Daily output of Alaskan oil is about two million barrels, representing about one-quarter of US domestic output.

An ARCO spokesman said preliminary tests indicated a high recovery rate, which could ultimately reach about 300 million barrels during the life of the well.

ARCO's stock jumped \$3 to \$101.125 on the New York Stock Exchange on the news.

ARCO expects to bring the point McIntyre field on line with the early to mid-1990s, said ARCO's Andrews.

"It does illustrate that there's a lot more oil on the North Slope," said Eugene Nowak, an industry analyst with Dean Witter Reynolds. "It's an area of extremely high potential."

ARCO, Exxon and BP are big players in the Alaskan North Slope, with BP having a controlling interest in Prudhoe Bay, the nation's largest single oil field.

The United States is heavily dependent on imported oil, which now accounts for nearly 50 per cent of domestic demand.

Analysts said the discovery could spark more intensive exploration in the Prudhoe Bay area.

Tiffany continues its world-wide expansion

Kirdar joins the board

NEMIR KIRDAR, president and chief executive officer of Investcorp, has joined the board of directors of Tiffany and Co., it was announced by William R. Chaney, chairman of the board of Tiffany and Co.

In making the announcement, Chaney said, "Nemir Kirdar is a most valued addition to our board of directors. He is highly respected and recognised for his many years of successful international business experience in the United States, the Middle East, Europe and the Far East."

As Tiffany continues its world-wide expansion, his international perspective and expertise will be of great benefit.

Investcorp is an international investment bank which serves as a financial intermediary between individuals, corporations and institutions seeking prime investment opportunities.

In 1982 Kirdar originated and organised the establishment of Investcorp which has offices in London, Bahrain and New York.

In 1984 Investcorp arranged the management-led buyout of Tiffany from Avon products.

In 1987, Tiffany and Co. completed its initial public offering; its shares have since been traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Kirdar serves as a member of the executive committee of the board of advisors at the Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

He is also a member of the Advisory Council at the Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University and is on the board of trustees of the Heart Research Foundation in New York.

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Kuwait cuts back oil output sharply

KUWAIT, Aug 5, (Agencies): Kuwait's oil minister said today it had sharply reduced oil output and was now producing near the level of 1.35 million barrels per day (BPD) it had promised other OPEC members.

"We have reduced production by around four or five hundred thousand and we are very near the level that we have indicated to the other countries that we would be following," Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa told Reuters in an interview.

Oil analysts in the Gulf estimated last week that

Kuwait's production for July was around 1.7 million to 1.8 million BPD, well below their estimate for June of about two million.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), meeting in Vienna in June, assigned Kuwait a quota of 1.09 million BPD.

Sheikh Ali said at the time he rejected the quota, but pledged to reduce output to help OPEC to defend world prices.

"Since the meeting, gradually we have reduced by more than 400,000," he said today.

But he said Kuwait would seek an increase in its quota when OPEC ministers meet again in Geneva on September 25.

"We have repeatedly said that our share should be much higher than it is now," Sheikh Ali said, adding that he based his demand on Kuwait's reserves and historically high share of OPEC production.

Kuwait has the world's second or third largest proven oil reserves.

Meanwhile, oil prices drifted downward yesterday as traders took the day off awaiting the

outcome of the hostage crisis and its effect on Middle East supplies, ending a week that saw gasoline drop nearly 3 cents a gallon.

"People are waiting until they see how the hostage thing works out," said Pete Simonelli of Balfour Maclaine Futures Inc. of New York.

"It was a kind of uneventful day. Most traders took the day off. Prices kind of drifted down, rather than sold down," said Bob Murphy of Shearson's International Energy Desk in New York.

West Texas Intermediate the benchmark US crude for September delivery ended the day on the New York Mercantile Exchange at \$18.03 a barrel, down 18 cents on the day but up 10 cents on the week.

On the US Gulf Coast, where crude is bought and sold for cash, WTI was being quoted at \$18.15 a barrel, down 15 cents on the day but the same level as a week ago.

On the Merc, unleaded gasoline fell 0.42 cents to end the day at 50.34 cents a gallon, 2.71 cents below a week ago.



Sheikh Ali

Dealers still concentrating on banking sector

Share prices turn mixed

THE Alshall index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 38.28 points with a slight decrease of 0.13 point — 0.34 per cent — over last week's average. The Alshall index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 68.56 with an increase of 0.48 point — 0.71 per cent — for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 7.46 million shares (four days of trading) at a daily average of 1.86 million shares with a decrease of 18 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 2.26 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 5.74 million shares at a daily average of 1.435 million shares with a sharp increase of 337 per cent over last week's daily average of 0.328 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD3.57 million at a daily average of KD0.89 million, a decrease of 26 per cent from last week's daily average of KD1.20 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.310 million at a daily average of KD0.077 million, a sharp increase of 862 per cent over last week's daily average of KD0.008 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 71 per cent of total trading against 84 per cent last week.

The National Bank of Kuwait led at 41 per cent, followed by Kuwait Finance House at 16 per cent and Burgan Bank at 11 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 20 per cent in which Kuwait Investment Projects Company had the lead at 60 per cent followed by National Investments Company at 40 per cent. Third came the Real Estate sector at 4 per cent of total trading of which Kuwait Real Estate Company was the only traded company.

As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain International Bank had the lead at 74 per cent followed by Umm Al-Quain Cement Company at 19 per cent and Arabian Investment Company at 4 per cent.

The market showed signs of mixed performance leaning to the weak side as compared to last week. This was more pronounced in the Kuwaiti shares market which is at the present considered more important than the non-Kuwaiti shares market.

Market dealers are still concentrating on trading in shares of the banking sector, however this concentration became less acute throughout the week.

The market was more active at the beginning of the week but gradually weakened as last week's strong activity decreased.

Only two companies have declared their mid-year financial statements and it is expected that the rest of the listed companies will do so soon.

"We believe that the market will witness only two intervals of high performance for both the price index and volume of trade index before the end of the present year; the first at the beginning of the fall as some expected changes are likely to be declared and the second before the end of the year."

However these intervals of high activity are damaging to the market in the short run. Only those companies that submit better mid-year and year-end financial statements, will be able to survive.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

	Wed. 02/08/89	Wed. 26/07/89	Change points
Banking Sector			
The National Bank	113.50	114.64	-1.15
The Gulf Bank	31.48	31.48	—
The Commercial Bank	23.27	23.27	—
Al Ahli Bank	29.77	30.28	-0.50
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	30.50	30.50	—

Kuwait R. Estate Bank	28.29	28.29	—
Burgan Bank	27.06	27.06	—
Kuwait Finance House	78.27	78.27	—
Investment Sector	46.33	46.60	-0.27
Kuwait Investment Co.	18.15	18.15	—
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	11.00	11.10	—
IFA	48.90	48.90	—
Commercial Facilities	118.25	118.25	—
National Investments	63.73	63.73	—
Kuwait Investment Proj.	89.89	88.76	1.12
Insurance Sector	33.40	33.32	0.07
Kuwait Insurance Co.	35.88	35.88	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	24.62	24.62	—
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	48.80	48.80	—
Warba Insurance Co.	54.98	54.98	—
Real Estate Sector	36.05	36.05	—
Kuwait Real Estate	16.82	16.57	0.25
United Realty	5.60	5.60	—
National Real Estate	35.83	35.83	—
Pearl of Kuwait	69.05	69.05	—
Industrial Sector	16.56	16.49	0.07
Kuwait Cement Co.	11.59	11.59	—
Refrigeration Indust.	79.06	79.06	—
Gulf Cables	110.87	110.87	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	73.78	73.78	—
Services Sector	29.98	29.98	—
Kuwait Computer Co.	155.52	155.52	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Public Warehousing Co.	69.70	69.70	—
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	36.83	37.29	-0.46
Mobile Telephone Syst.	285.71	285.71	—
Food Sector	55.09	55.13	-0.04
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
United Fisheries	10.62	10.62	—
Kuwait United Poultry	84.34	84.34	—
Kuwait Food Co.	68.97	68.97	—
Overall Index	38.28	38.41	-0.13

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index

	Wed. 02/08/89	Wed. 26/07/89	Change points
First Gulf Bank	223.68	223.68	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	89.66	88.78	1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	89.22	88.27	0.95
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	43.94	43.94	—
Umm Al Quain Cement	14.25	14.25	—
Gulf Medical Projects	21.78	21.78	—
Total Index	68.56	68.08	0.48

—Base period 31/12/1983.
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

Oil-spill bill approved

Plans to set up trust fund

WASHINGTON, Aug 5, (AP): The US Senate yesterday approved legislation to boost companies' liability for oil spills, create a nationwide system to clean them up, and establish a \$1 billion trust fund to help compensate for damages.

The oil-spill legislation was adopted a little more than 4 months after the tanker Exxon Valdez struck Bligh Reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound, rupturing its hull and spilling 11 million gallons (5 million kilograms) of oil that stained the coastline with sticky black ooze.

The bill was approved 99-0, with Sen. David Durenberger, a Minnesota Democrat, not voting. Similar legislation is pending in the House of Representatives.

The legislation directs that contingency plans be drawn for dealing with oil spills on land and water, also requires the establishment of cleanup teams with pre-placed equipment.

The \$1 billion trust fund will be financed by a 3-cent-a-barrel fee — or tax — on all domestic and imported petroleum.

The bill provides for increasing the limit of compensation for each oil spill from \$500 million to \$1 billion.

Although similar legislation has been under consideration for years, the bill got a boost from the Exxon Valdez disaster, and its cleanup costs estimated as high as \$2 billion.

Other triggering events this year where the trio of smaller oil spills in a 24-hour period in the waters of Rhode Island, in the Delaware river and in the Houston ship channel.

In acting on a series of amendments, the Senate sharply raised an owner's liability for compensating for oil spills and their destruction of property and the environment.

On Thursday night it adopted an amendment by Sen. Pete Wilson, a California Republican, imposing unlimited liability for spills from offshore oil rigs. The original bill had capped such liability at \$100 million.

The Senate yesterday also adopted an amendment by Sen. Howard H. Metzenbaum, an Ohio Democrat, that raised liability for spills from deepwater port facilities from \$100 million to \$350 million.

Dinar edges down

Saudis grant Jordan \$200m

AMMAN, Jordan, Aug 5, (AP): Saudi Arabia has donated \$200 million to help Jordan tackle its economic problems, a senior Jordanian official said today.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the Saudis also deposited \$1 billion with the Central Bank of Jordan in the form of "non-interest" credit account to "boost the Jordanian economy."

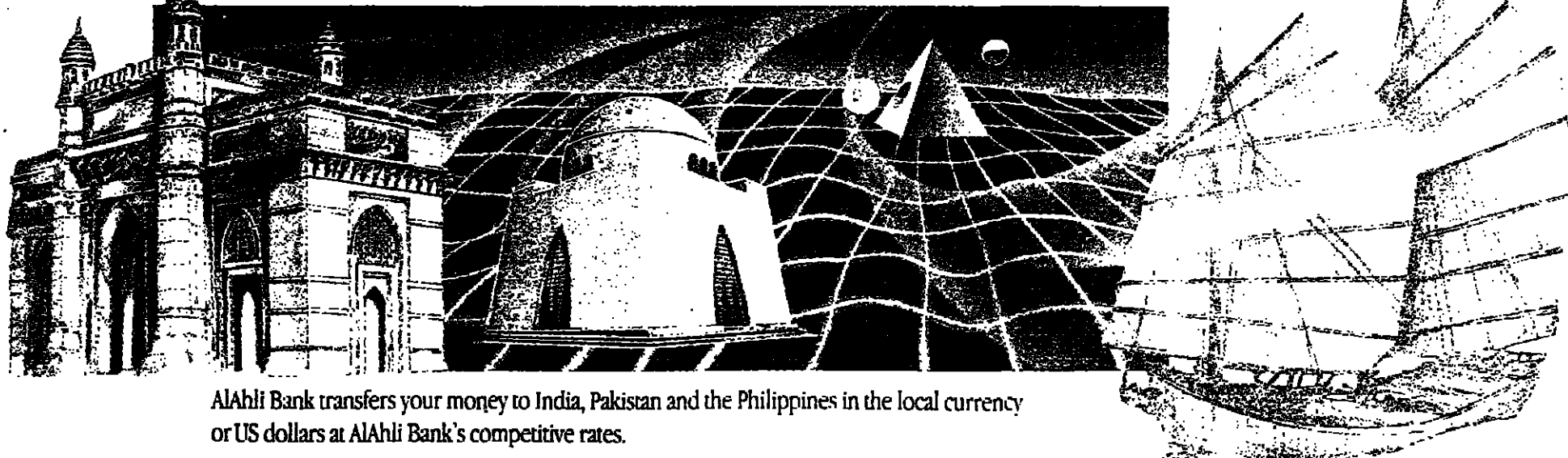
Reports in Jordanian newspapers said Central Bank Governor Mohammed Said Nabulsi confirmed the donation, but did not disclose the actual figure.

"It has been confirmed that Saudi Arabia is giving us aid, but I am not at liberty to quote the figure," Nabulsi was quoted as saying in the English-language daily Jordan Times.

The Jordanian official said: "The 200 million gift" comes in the wake of a meeting between King Hussein of Jordan and King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia in Jeddah last Monday, when the leaders discussed Jordan's economic situation.

Meanwhile, Jordan's Central Bank fixed the dinar at 583 fils to the dollar today, down from Wednesday's 576 fils.

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Washington officials hope to increase international profile

Experts to discuss world economy

SEATTLE, Aug. 5. (UPI) — Washington officials, banking on the state's growing reputation as a leader in the Pacific rim, hope to increase its international profile this week as they sponsor a major gathering of business and government leaders from 30 nations.

The Pacific summit and symposia, which runs through Friday, will bring together more than 650 officials from countries such as Japan, Korea, the Soviet Union, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Chile, Australia, New Zealand and Brunei.

Topics of discussion will include general trade and economic issues as well as specific subjects, including agriculture, fisheries, forestry and technology.

In the process, Washington leaders hope the state will leave the impression of being an important international city and a major contributor to international trade.

"There have been multinational gatherings like this in Geneva and other places,

but for a programme of this scope, particularly one held in the West — it's the first of its kind," said Robert Kapp, president of the Washington Council of International Trade, a private association.

"What we would like to think is that the more figures from international governments and the US government are brought to Washington and are well-handled, the more broadly the message will be spread around that Seattle and the state are good places to have international gatherings," he said.

Officials expected at the conference include Deputy US Trade Representative Rufus Yerxa, Akira Amari, vice minister of Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), B.J. Habibie, Indonesia's Minister of Research and Development, Paul Meo, chief of the International Trade Division for the World Bank, and Lee Hyung Koo, Vice Minister of South Korea's Economic Planning Board.

Visible by their absence are top officials

from China, kept away because of political turbulence following the violent suppression two months ago of pro-democracy demonstrations in Beijing. However, officials from China's Sichuan province, Washington's sister state, will attend.

Japan almost bowed out of the conference as well because of political instability brought about by scandals surrounding the country's past two prime ministers. However, Washington officials went to Japan and convinced officials their participation was vital to the conference.

On Monday and Tuesday conferees will meet in Seattle to discuss broad trade and economic issues, including trade imbalances and how to deal with changing trade relationships, the future of capital and investment flows between North America, Asia and Latin America, trade with the Soviet Union and the formation of bilateral and multilateral agreements to take the place of GATT, or the General

Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Following the general meetings the participants will travel to other cities in the state, including Blaine, Yakima, the Tri-Cities and Tacoma to discuss specific topics.

The conference, which cost about \$1 million — mostly paid for by major corporate sponsors — is designed to showcase Washington's contribution to international trade as it celebrates its centennial.

Washington is the nation's top export-state in trade per capita, with one in five jobs linked directly or indirectly to overseas trade. The state exports twice as much per capita as the rest of the nation.

In 1987, the latest year for which full figures are available, state-produced exports totalled \$13.4 billion, while state residents consumed \$6 billion in imports — thus running up a \$7.4 billion trade surplus.

UK reserves up

US equity prices remain subdued

THE dollar increased by more than a penny to DM1.89 whilst treasury bonds fell following the stronger than expected non-farm payroll data release for July, according to NBK weekly market review.

Earlier in the week the leading banks had cut their main lending rates indicating optimism over the current course of monetary policy in the US.

However, following previous gains equity prices remained subdued, on fears that the economy may be slowing too sharply as evidenced by the purchasing managers' index, which fell for the third consecutive month below the key 50 per cent level.

The dollar ended the week at DM1.8935 and Y139.0.

Construction spending unexpectedly fell 0.8 per cent in June compared to a 0.6 per cent rise in May and a 0.8 per cent decline in April. June's level was up 1.5 per cent from a year earlier.

Purchasing managers index fell to 46 per cent in July from 48.8 per cent in June which was the lowest level since January 1983.

Factory orders rose a slightly higher than expected 0.4 per cent in June compared with a revised decrease of 2.6 per cent in May.

Home sales increased a surprising 5.5 per cent in June whilst May's figure was upwardly adjusted 1.6 per cent to a 4.3 per cent rise.

Leading indicators declined 0.1 per cent in June following a 1.3 per cent fall in May and a 0.6 per cent increase in April.

Unemployment was a slightly less than forecast 5.2 per cent in July compared to 5.3 per cent in June and 5.4 per cent in July 1988.

Non-farm payroll at 169,000 compared to 250,000 in June and 470,000 in July of the previous year.

The markets are liable to remain reasonably lacklustre given the current holiday season. However the slowing growth trend in the US appears to be reinforced with labour numbers remaining sluggish and leading indicators and the purchasing managers index all down.

Nevertheless the Federal Reserve which has likely to date eased policy is likely to refrain from further relaxation until more conclusive evidence is available.

"We still expect numbers on balance to come in softer for the rest of the summer and well into the autumn and consequently a further easing in monetary policy is in protest with an eventual cut in the discount rate."

For the coming week PPI numbers and retail sales will be keenly awaited and are expected to provide further evidence of slowdown.

Given that immediate changes to Federal Reserve policy are not anticipated the dollar is liable to benefit on technicals and profit-taking after its recent losses.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM1.87-1.92 and Yen 139-142.

Sterling fell sharply on the week from around DM3.11 to just above the DM3.06 support level.

The main selling pressure came from the clearing banks which were purchasing dollars to cover their Third World debt provisioning (to the extent of £2 billion) and forced the Bank of England to intervene in defence of the pound.

The only data to be released this week was gold and foreign currency reserves which indicated the Bank of England had withdrawn from large scale intervention on the foreign exchange markets last month and highlighted sterling's relative stability over this period.

The pound ended the week at DM3.06 and £1.624.

Official UK reserves increased an underlying \$67 million in July compared to a \$2,296 million fall in June and a \$739 million decline in May.

Although medium to longer term the markets remain nervous on sterling, with little prospect of any cuts in bank base rates until well into the autumn and maybe not even before year-end, interest rate differentials should support sterling around current levels for sometime to come.

With another week of few data releases "we do not expect the pound to come under any undue pressure and it should remain at current trading levels."

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM3.05-3.10 and £1.60-1.65.

West German industrial production rose a lower than anticipated 2.3 per cent in June from May (boosted by increases in construction and energy production) and was up 1.6 per cent from June 1988.

In addition, May's figure was revised down even further to -4.6 per cent on the previous month suggesting that recent strong growth may be undermined by capacity constraints (although this figure could be distorted by the unusually high number of public holidays in May).

Banks merged to avert collapse

AMMAN, Aug. 5. (Reuters) — Jordanian officials said today the government's decision to take over two commercial banks and order them to merge was intended to save them from collapse.

A cabinet minister said the Central Bank was committed to support Petra Bank and Jordan Gulf Bank after they were asked to merge on Thursday by the National Economic Security Committee, which derives its power from martial law in force since 1967.

The committee installed temporary managers at the two banks, indefinitely suspended dealing in their shares on Amman's Stock Exchange and named a six-member supervisory team to implement the merger, for which no date has been set yet.

"Depositors should not be scared by our move because we wanted to preserve their interests and stop any possible fall of the banks," said the minister, who declined to be identified.

"It is our duty to back the two institutions to maintain healthy banking sector and protect depositors," he told Reuters.

Central Bank Governor Mohammed Said Al Nabulsi told the Arabic-language Al Ra'i newspaper the merger was a pre-emptive move to stop the collapse of these two banks which would have reflected badly on the national economy.

Nabulsi did not elaborate on the financial status of the two banks, where officials said business was normal.

"There has been no change in demand on our deposits," Mohammed Abu Dalhoum, head of the department of deposits at the headquarters of Petra Bank, told Reuters.

"There was no rush whatsoever by our depositors," said an official at the Jordan Gulf Bank.

Stocks shrug off recession talk

Leading economic indicators down

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (AP) — Talk of a possible recession may frighten politicians and business planners, but it doesn't seem to scare investors in the stock market these days.

The word came up with increasing frequency this past week when the Commerce Department reported that its index of leading economic indicators had declined for the fourth time in the last five months.

After more than 6 1/2 years of expansion, many analysts said, the chances looked increasingly high that business activity was headed into a slump.

Yet stock prices held their ground at or near record highs, after finishing off July with one of their strongest monthly gains ever.

"Historically, the leading economic indicators have peaked four to six months before the economy has turned down," observed Suresh Bhirdi, an analyst at Oppenheimer and Co.

"Stock prices typically have peaked four to six months before the leading economic indicators turned down."

"So what's happening this time around? Stock prices should

have peaked about six months ago but haven't, making for considerable confusion among strategists and economists alike."

That isn't the only disparity giving forecasters fits. Unlike stock market investors, bond traders lately have been behaving as though a recession were very close at hand.

Before they suffered a setback yesterday, bond prices had risen dramatically in recent weeks, pushing interest rates downward in apparent anticipation of slack credit demand and a business slump.

Despite all that, however, optimists on the economic and financial outlook argue that it is unwise to try to argue with the stock market.

"We suspect that when the last 21 months take their place in the history books, it will be under the title 'what didn't happen,'" said Jay Donnaruma at First Albany Corp. in Albany, New York.

"We did not have a recession, the dollar didn't go to parity with the yen, inflation didn't go to the moon and stocks didn't go to zero."

"One of the most fascinating

aspects of this rally is that people are still not euphoric or even very enthusiastic. We suspect that when a large dip does come, it will be caused by too much good news."

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials closed yesterday at 2,653.45, up 18.21 from the week before.

Other readings for the week showed the New York Stock Exchange composite index up 1.26 at 191.64, the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market up 4.60 at a record 457.42, and the American Stock Exchange market value index up 1.59 at 376.10.

Volume averaged 182.43 million shares a day, against 179.62 million the week before.

Whenever the stock market has looked vulnerable to a setback this year, a new corporate takeover story seems to have come along to revive it.

That has helped extend a dominant theme of the 1980s — a shrinking supply of stock available to investors. "The continuing shrinkage of the supply of equities is playing a major role in this market," said Greg Smith at Prudential-Bache Securities.

Strikes flare in Poland

WARSAW, Aug. 5. (Reuters) — Polish workers are staging strikes against food price rises of up to 500 per cent, but major plants such as the Baltic shipyards and coal mines of the south appear unaffected so far, authorities said today.

They said the most serious stoppages occurred on Friday in the railway and communications industries. In the western region of Legnica, where thousands of Soviet troops are based, strikers cut off the city from Poland's telephone and tele network.

Railwaymen stopped commuter trains for four hours in the Baltic port of Gdansk, and bus drivers staged a sit-in strike in the western town of Zielona Gora. Railwaymen in the south-western region of Silesia also stopped work for one hour.

The workers protested against the communist authorities' removal last Tuesday of most state subsidies on food prices. In some areas, prices for ham — a Polish staple — rocketed by about 500 per cent to 7,700 zlotys (\$9) a kilogramme (\$4 a pound).

However, the industrial unrest appeared not to have spread to the factories, mills and mines whose output is the lifeblood of Poland's economy and whose workers topped governments in 1970 and 1980 by striking against food price rises.

These include the coal mines of Silesia, Krakow's Nowa Huta Steel Mill, the Ursus Tractor Plant outside Warsaw and the shipyards of the Baltic coast, including Gdansk's Lenin Yard where the independent trade union Solidarity was born in 1980.

Steelworkers called off a strike alert at Nowa Huta on Thursday after winning pay rises. In Gdansk some shipyard workers want a strike alert to be declared next Monday but unionists have taken no official decision.

Solidarity's national leadership denounced the removal of food price subsidies as an ill-prepared plan. "Such a situation threatens to create an explosion of justified public discontent," the leadership said.

They said workers should receive 100 per cent compensation for food price increases and more than the 80 per cent compensation for inflation in general which was previously agreed with the authorities.

Japan holds the lead

Speeding industrial production

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5. (AP) — Despite an apparent setback in April, Japan continues to hold the lead among major countries in speeding its industrial production, according to the International Monetary Fund.

In a report released today, the fund said that in the first three months of this year Japan's industry was producing 19 per cent more than in 1985, compared with 13 per cent for the United States, 10 per cent for West Germany and France and 9 per cent for Britain.

At the end of last year, Italy's production was 15 per cent above 1985 but figures for this year were not available.

The US Central Intelligence Agency reported an increase of 9.5 per cent for Japan in 1988 over 1987. This year, the month of April showed an unusual drop of 37.4 per cent from March, and an 11.8 per cent recovery in May.

The fund compares changes for a three-month period with the corresponding quarter of the previous year. In the first quarter of this year it reported an increase of 7.2 per cent for Japan, 5.8 per cent for France, 4.8 per cent for West Germany, 4.6

per cent for the United States and .9 of 1 per cent for Britain.

Some smaller industrial countries were doing better than the big ones. Norway's gain for the 12 months was 14.2 per cent. In May of this year its factories and oil wells were producing 35 per cent more than in 1985.

Others were slower with their reports but fast with their industry. In January Ireland was producing 52 per cent above its 1985 level and in the last quarter of 1988 the figure for Switzerland 18 per cent.

Figures on production were not included in these statistics for the rapidly growing countries of the Pacific rim, where the rate of increase was considerably higher. South Korea, for example, earlier reported a 62 per cent increase in its industrial production between 1985 and 1988 and China 31.4 per cent between 1985 and 1987.

According to the fund's figures, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Thailand exported about twice the value of goods in 1988 that they sold in 1985. The increase was almost as great in China and Singapore. Most of the increases were in sales of industrial products.

Wall Street stocks dip

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (Reuters) — Wall Street stocks fell yesterday, weighed down by steep losses in the bond market after surprisingly strong July employment figures dampened hopes of immediate cuts in interest rates.

But gains in high technology and cyclical issues helped temper losses in the stock market, traders said.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 8.16 points to close at 2,653.45. For the week the 30-share Dow index rose 18.21 points.

In the broader market, declining issues led advancing ones by 850 to 636. Volume was a moderate 169.8 million shares, up slightly from 168.7 million shares Thursday.

The benchmark 30-year treasury bond tumbled 2 points to yield 8.08 per cent, up from 7.91 per cent at Thursday's close.

The dollar rallied, buoyed by the view that the strong employment report showed that the Federal Reserve, the US central bank, need not relax interest rates further to spur economic growth.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM3.05-3.10 and £1.60-1.65.

West German industrial production rose a lower than anticipated 2.3 per cent in June from May (boosted by increases in construction and energy production) and was up 1.6 per cent from June 1988.

In addition, May's figure was revised down even further to -4.6 per cent on the previous month suggesting that recent strong growth may be undermined by capacity constraints (although this figure could be distorted by the unusually high number of public holidays in May).

EXCHANGE RATE

Indian rupee	18.010
Sri Lankan rupee	8.400
Pakistani rupee	14.210
Bangladesh taka	9.120
US dollar	23685
Pound sterling	47750
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UAE dirham	08088
Japanese yen	002132

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Miners walk out again

MOSCOW, Aug. 5. (AP) — Coal miners in the far northern region of Vorkuta walked off their jobs again today in a renewal of labour unrest that wracked the Soviet Union last month.

The Tass news agency said only two of 13 mines were working in the coal-rich region north of the Arctic Circle.

The others agreed at a meeting last night to stay off the job until they receive the full text of a government decree that officials say fulfils government promises made to get the miners to return to work.

Tass quoted S.R. Ivanov, a mine driller who belongs to the Vorkuta strike committee, as saying, "the strike was renewed because the miners of Vorkuta don't have a text of the decree, and also no exact information about its contents."

Tass said the miners were told about the decree in telephone calls from their legislators in Moscow and representatives of the Coal Industry Ministry, but went on strike until they saw it for themselves.

It did not say how many miners were on strike or if they planned to stay off their jobs if they were dissatisfied with the government decree.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 05/08/1989				
B.No.	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.	
3	Ibn Alnafes	UASC	4843150	
4	Marulic	Algh Barwil	4842988	
14	New Topaz	SMS	4745471	
17	Zigana	ISA	2441860	
18	Amiral S. Altincan	Al Sawan	4746018	
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT				
ETA	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.	
5/8	Canterbury Star	B. Bahjat	2433537	
5/8	Rashidah	GH&Q	4347815	
5/8	Nikolay Shchukin	AI Rashed	2422026	
5/8	Cosmopol Ace	Marafi	4848665	
6/8	Arafat	KSA	4843150	
6/8	Ever Onward	SMS	4745471	
6/8	Bolan	Al Majid	2421439	
6/8	Hual Rolita	A. Bahar	2459891	
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT				
B.No.	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.	
2	Golden Harvest	M.A. Bahar	2433881	
6	Sally	Algh Barwil	4842988	
9	Oceanus	Algh Barwil	4843988	
14	Al Issa'a	UASC	4843150	
VESSELS AT SHUAIBA ANCHORAGE				
Arrvd	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.	
	Donakulhi	RSMS	2423642	
	Dona	RSMS	2423642	
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT				
ETA	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.	
6/8	Willine Orient	UASC	4843150	
6/8	Y.S. Prosperity	AI Rashed	2422026	
7/8	Marjon	Al Kamal	2425437	
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KUWAIT									
BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE			
NATIONAL BANK	1.000	0.990	0.990	0.990	70000	4			
GULF BANK	0.360	0.355	0.360	0.355	150000	5			
COMMERCIAL BK	0.270	0.265	0.270	0.265	70000	4			
AHLI BANK	0.295	0.295	0.300	0.295	81814	4			
B.K.M.E.	0.325	---	---	---	---	---			
K.R.E.B.	0.330	---	---	---	---	---			
BURGAM BANK	0.260	0.260	0.260	0.260	90000	6			
K.F.HOUSE	0.470	0.470	0.475	0.470	40000	4			
INVESTMENT SECTOR									
KWT INV. CO.	0.099	---	---	---	---	---			
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---			
K.I.I.C.	0.064	---	---	---	---	---			
COM.FACILITIES	0.430	---	---	---	---	---			
AHLIAH INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---			
I.F.A.	0.095	---	---	---	---	---			
NATIONAL INV.	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	40000	1			
KWT PROJECTS	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	40000	1			
INSURANCE SECTOR									
KWT INSURANCE	0.600	---	---	---	---	---			
GULF INSURANCE	0.320	---	---	---	---	---			
AHLIA INS. CO.	0.480	---	---	---	---	---			
WARBA INS. CO.	0.320	---	---	---	---	---			
REAL EST SECTOR									
INV. PEARL KWT	0.087	---	---	---	---	---			
KWT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.130	0.132	0.132	0.132	20000	1			
UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.090	---	---	---	---	---			
HAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---			
SALHIA R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---			
KWT R.E.I. CON	0.000	---	---	---	---	---			
INDUSTRY SECTOR									
NAT IND. CO.	0.490	---	---	---	---	---			
KWT M.P. IND.	0.310	---	---	---	---	---			
KWT CEMENT CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---			
REF. IND. CO.	0.360	---	---	---	---	---			
N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---			
GULF CABLE	0.980	---	---	---	---	---			
K.P.H.IND.CO.	0.166	---	---	---	---	---			
CONT.MARINE	0.300	---	---	---	---	---			
K.SH.REP.CO.	0.045	---	---	---	---	---			
SERVICES SECTOR									
OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	---	---	---	---	---			
K.N.C. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---			
KWT HOTELS CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---			
P.WAREHOUSING	0.138	0.138	0.138	0.138	20000	1			
COM.MKT.CMXP.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---			
MOBILE TELE.	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	10000	1			
KWT COMPUTER	0.144	---	---	---	---	---			
FOOD SECTOR									
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---			
UNTD FISHERIES	0.150	---	---	---	---	---			
UNTD POULTRY	0.230	---	---	---	---	---			
KWT FOODS	0.300	---	---	---	---	---			
AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---			
NON-KWT SECTOR									
BHN.INTER.BK	0.064	0.065	0.065	0.064	4060000	13			
BHN.M.EAST.BK	0.047	---	---	---	---	---			
COAST INVEST.	0.082	---	---	---	---	---			
A.G.INV.GROP.	0.029	---	---	---	---	---			
FIRST.GULF BK	0.850	---	---	---	---	---			
BHN.KUW.GROP	0.078	---	---	---	---	---			
GULF MEDICAL	0.034	---	---	---	---	---			
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE									
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE			
GULF INTL. SEC.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---			
ARAB INT. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---			
SHARJAH JNS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---			
GULF UNION INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---			
R.K.WHITE CMNT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---			
ADJMAN CEMENT.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---			
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR									
-FUJAIRAH CENT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---			
-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---			

AMMAN									
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ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.81	2.67							
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.36	2.24							
ARAB BANK	238.0	226.1							
ARAB CHEMICAL PTER	5.90	5.68							
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.40	2.29							
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10	1.10							
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.52	0.59							
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11	1.16							
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.42	1.31							
ARAB JOR./INVST/BK	3.20	2.25							
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.48	0.47							
ARAB PHARMA.MANF.	4.87	4.89							
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	2.44	2.33							
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---							
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65							
BANK OF JORDAN	15.40	15.10							
BEIT AL-HAL/BEITNA	1.30	1.25							
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.95	1.00							
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00							
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25							
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34	0.34							
DAR ALDAWA DV/INV.	3.39	3.37							
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.86	0.82							
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71							
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.50	4.50							
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63							
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.25	1.25							
GENERAL MINING.	2.10	2.10							
HIMMEH MINERALS	0.75	0.75							
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44							
IND./MATCH JEMCO	1.51	1.43							
INDSTRL DEVLPT.BK	1.70	1.65							
INDSTRL/COMH/AGR.	1.81	1.71							
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75							
INTERN.COM/INV	0.13	0.13							
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.81	0.81							
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.84	0.86							
ITERMED/PETRI/CHK	2.68	2.55							
J.TOUR-SP.COMPLEX	0.85	0.80							
JERUSALEM INS.	1.28	1.29							
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.00							
JOR CERAMIC FACTORY	2.54	2.43							
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05							
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.50	1.49							
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22							
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.21	1.16							
JOR HOTEL-TOURISM	2.18	2.18							
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.52	2.50							
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20							
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.88							
JOR LIM BRICK	0.12	0.13							
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50							
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.61	2.54							
JOR PAPER CARDBRGE	4.80	5.00							
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	4.91	4.85							
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	2.49	2.54							
JOR PRESS/PAPERSL	1.79	1.72							
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25							
JOR RECOB. IND.	1.60	1.52							
JOR SECURITY CORP.	1.12	1.11							
JOR SELPHD CHEM.	2.30	2.19							
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	3.13	3.00							
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.95	5.10							
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.85	0.89							
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.92	7.92							
JOR.FRENCH INS.	3.00	2.95							
JOR.INV.FIN.CORP	2.30	2.28							
JORADAN GULF REAL	0.35	0.34							
JORDAN DAIRY	1.25	1.11							
JORDAN GULF BANK	2.12	2.14							
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.98							
JORDAN INSURANCE	2.00	2.09							
JORDAN JAMAL	2.28	2.53							
JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	2.28	1.41							

Ocampo and wife accused

They claim illegal guns were planted

Policemen cleared: Two Cavite policemen who had been implicated in the P4.5 million holdup of two bank armoured cars on the coastal road in Las Pinas were cleared when witnesses failed to identify them during a confrontation.

Patrolman Arnel Sanchez and Ponciano Samar had turned themselves in when sketches of two of the men who stole the getaway car from a driver resembled them. The policemen's superior, Capt. Reynaldo Macalalad, said Sanchez and Samar could not have left camp since military and police personnel were on red alert on the day the getaway car was taken at gunpoint.

Police have found an abandoned car which resembled the getaway car of the holdup near in Barangay Panatan, Nuntulupa and have traced this to a resident of St Ignatius Village, Quezon City.

They have also picked up the alleged lover of one of the suspects who said that since the robbery, her husband has been buying expensive clothes and sunglasses.

No names were released.

Rebels arrested: Five suspected rebels, including a woman were arrested by PC soldiers in Sitio Tugtog, Barangay Marungko, Angat, Bulacan.

Arrested were Baldomero Amparado, 59, Jose Colina, 30, Eduardo Colina, 31, Julie Colina, 24, all natives of Iriga City, Camarines Sur, and Roy Mendoza, 33, of Cabacan, North Cotabato said 145th PC Co. commander Capt. Angelito Pacia.

The alleged rebel leader identified only as Ka Medic, was out when PC raiders raided their hideout.

Recovered from the suspects were one fragmentation grenade, one portable Icom VHF radio and subversive documents, the soldiers claimed.

Car stolen, driver abducted: San Juan Vice-Mayor Jose "Jinggy" Estrada reported to police that his Nissan Maxima car was stolen and his driver abducted. Hours later, police learned it was false alarm.

Estrada was driven to a hotel along Roxas Blvd. by driver Jose Nolan, 33, at about 2 am where a stag party for him was prepared by some showbusiness friends including action star Bong Revilla.

Three hours later, Estrada came out but could not find his car and its driver. He looked for Nolan for 30 minutes and when there was even no sight of his car, he called the police.

Lawmen were alerted about the missing Nissan Maxima with licence plate PFL717.

A source close to Estrada said at about 10 am yesterday, Nolan called up at the vice-mayor's North Greenhills, San Juan house.

The driver explained because he was drunk, he drove the midnight blue Maxima to the Slatish Hotel parking lot thinking it was the hotel where he took Estrada.

Nolan claimed he fell asleep in the car and woke up at 10 am.

Sergeant slain: A constabulary sergeant was killed in an ambush by three men in Tagig.

Sgt. Sufioriano Gipayo, 37, sustained two gunshot wounds in the head and died instantly. A resident of Bicutan, Tagig, he had been assigned with the Constabulary Support Command in Camp Crame, Quezon City.

Witnesses said the suspects, all in their early 20s, escaped on board a commandeered jeep after taking Gipayo's 45.

Initial investigation showed that Gipayo was driving his jeep along 1st Ave. in Bagong Tanyag, Tagig, when he was fired upon near the Century cinema with 38s.

Woman killed: A businesswoman was killed by unidentified men who broke into her Novalesches, Quezon City house and ransacked it.

RTW dealer and grocery owner Solidad Pabiosa, 54, of 27 Sarmiento St., Novalesches died instantly from eight stab wounds.

Her son, Abraham, 22, said his mother was alone when he left the house at about 7 pm. He returned two hours later and noticed her house in disarray.

Abraham found his mother bloodied on her bed.

The son said he and his mother were the only ones living in their house. His father is in Australia.

Policemen recovered a bloodied improvised knife and a right-foot blue rubber slippers.

Coin thief shot dead: A store helper was shot dead by a security guard for allegedly stealing a bag of coins in Imus, Cavite.

Boy Perez, 22, of Barangay Medicion Imus, died on the spot from several gunshot wounds in the body inflicted by the security guard Macario Manela, police said.

Investigation showed that Perez, a helper in Jarin's Poultry Store inside the Imus public market was seen by Manela taking a bag containing pieces of coins of still undetermined amount.

Manela claimed that when he confronted Perez, the victim allegedly tried to stab him with a knife forcing him to shoot him.

Manela surrendered to police and turned in the gun he used in shooting Perez.

Trader robbed: A trader and her two saleswomen were hogtied and robbed by three unidentified young men who were armed with a handgun and grenades inside the businesswoman's sixth floor office in Binondo, Manila.

Lourdes Estacio, 48, owner of LUE Commercial located at Rm. 624 of the Downtown Center Bldg., 516 Rosario St., lost P30,000 in cash and still undetermined amount of jewelry.

Estacio's saleswomen, Liza Cueva, 25, and Flor Pordella, 28, were shoved into a corner of the office by the robbers who hogtied them together with Estacio.

The three men hurriedly left after cutting off Estacio's two telephones. It took Estacio some 15 minutes to untie herself. She alerted the building security guards who called the police.

Responding policemen theorized that the robbers managed to slip out of the building without being noticed by guards.

Brotherly revenge: A toughie avenged the killing of his brother by shooting to death the brother of the man he suspected of slaying his brother in Navotas.

The toughie, identified only as Willy Pang of Tondo, Manila, escaped after shooting Antonio Pacheco, 27, of 24 T. Policarpio St., Barangay San Jose, Navotas.

Pacheco died yesterday at the Jose Reyes Memorial Hospital from bullet wounds in the forehead.

Navotas police chief Lt. Col. Alberto Nepomuceno said Pacheco was buying cigar from the R & R Store at 426 Gov. Pascual St., Barangay San Jose at about 6 p.m. when Willy arrived and asked him where his brother was.

Eddie, 25, when he could not tell him Willy shot him in the forehead. Police prober Sgt. Delfin del Valle said Willy had been looking for Eddie for the past few weeks.

Eddie was allegedly involved in the killing of the toughie's brother last month in Tondo.

In Kalookan City, businessman and three of his relatives were shot and seriously wounded by six men Friday night.

Meanwhile, Gadioso-Mandigma, 30, of Deparo Subdivision, Kalookan was rushed to the Chinese General Hospital with gunshot wounds in the chest, neck and arm.

Mandigma's relative, Reynaldo Buan, 30, Nestor Dolor, 19, and Rodolfo Manarang, 23, were brought to the Quezon City General Hospital with several gunshot wounds in the different parts of their bodies.

Police said Mandigma and his relatives were resting inside their house when six men shot them.

Bank manager robbed: A bank manager and his companion were robbed of P31,000 worth of cash and jewelry by three unidentified holdup men in a service road in Barangay St. Cristo, Pulilan, Bulacan.

Police identified the victims as Teofilo Cayago, 46, branch manager of Far East Bank in San Fernando, Pampanga, and his friend, Marvin Maslang, also of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Cayago told police investigators that the three armed men in another vehicle blocked their car on the road to San Simon, Pampanga and at gunpoint brought them to Pulilan where they were divested of their money and jewelry.

Cayago's car with plate no. — CHE 160 was also taken by the suspects who drove it toward Babilus, Bulacan.

PC investigator Sgt. Ernesto Arcilla said that the suspect's car was owned by Miguel Yap Jr. of Saint Francis, Meycauayan, Bulacan. The car was forcibly taken from him by unidentified men while he was cruising along Malibon road in Meycauayan, Bulacan recently.

THE Constabulary filed charges of illegal possession of firearms against captured leaders Satur Ocampo and his wife, Carolina Malay, before the Makati fiscal's office.

Constabulary Security Group (CSG) agents presented to Makati Fiscal Mauro Castro a 45-caliber automatic pistol and a homemade 38-caliber revolver allegedly recovered during a search of the couple's rented room in an apartment about 100 metres away from the Makati municipal hall.

Ocampo, however, accused the military of planting the guns as evidence to deprive them of their constitutional right to bail.

"This is reminiscent of the Marcos dictatorship. There has not been any change in the military or this government since the Marcos dictatorship," Ocampo shouted during a press conference arranged for him by the military.

But the owner of the apartment and a maid told television reporters the guns were found inside the room occupied by the couple. The maid said Constabulary agents found one gun underneath the mattress, while the other was in a cabinet.

Ocampo and Malay, who have been tagged by the military as members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), were captured on E. Zobel street Thursday morning soon after leaving their apartment located on Zenaida Street.

The two are among the better known communist leaders, having represented by the rebelled National Democratic Front during the aborted peace talks with the government in 1987. They carried a total reward of P2 million on their heads, but were unarmed when captured.

Justice Secretary Sedfrey Ordenez hinted that the government would revive the criminal and rebellion charges against Ocampo initiated during the previous administration to help the prosecution.

"As a matter of procedure, all cases (against

Ocampo) which have been referred to the judicial archives, can be retrieved for prosecution, now that

Ocampo addresses reporters as Col Virgilio Saldejan, his military custodian, tries to stop him. The captured rebel leader and his wife, Carolina Malay (centre) claimed the guns (inset) were planted by the military.



he has been arrested," Ordenez told a press briefing. Ocampo and Malay have also been charged in court with multiple murder for allegedly ordering the torture and killings of about 40 rebels suspected

as government "deep-penetration agents." The bodies of the victims were dug up from mass graves in Laguna and Quezon after a surrendered rebel led the military to their location.

President Aquino and other officials, meanwhile, hailed the capture of the rebel leaders as a major victory that brought the government closer to its goal of ending the 20-year insurgency.

"Sa palagay ko ito ay makakatulong sa ating counter-insurgency program at lalo tayong lumalapit sa inaakala ko na pagtatapos nitong problemang ito," Ms Aquino told reporters in an "ambush interview."

She said she was still hoping that peaceful solutions could be found to end the rebellion, but added it might be difficult to come to an agreement since the rebels do not subscribe to democratic processes.

"We would like to talk peace, but we also want to know what is their definition of peace," Ms Aquino said.

She said the huge amount of money offered as reward for the capture of rebels leaders helped the government and could lead to more arrests.

"At inaakala ko na kailangan ang publikidad para malaman ng mamamayan kung sino nga itong mga tao na lumalaban sa pamahalaan, na kailangan na ma capture na," she said.

Earlier, a Cabinet committee met to discuss Ocampo's capture and its effect on the government's anti-insurgency campaign.

Ordenez, who attended the meeting, told Malacanang reporters the government would continue to wage a relentless campaign against ideologues like Ocampo but said the door would be open to those who wanted to talk peace.

"Our assessment is that this capture is a very meaningful one because it will cause a very big setback to the (rebel) organisation and it will probably show the weakness of the organisation against the efforts of the government," Ordenez said.

Stringer in danger of punishment

SEN. Vicente Paterno has asked the Supreme Court to penalize a columnist if she could not prove that a woman senator was having an affair with her driver as she had alleged in her column.

Paterno asked Justice Edgardo Paras, the high court's press ombudsman, to compel Manila Standard columnist Julie Yap-Daza to substantiate her allegation.

The blind item Daza wrote on Saturday drew the ire of Senators Leticia Ramos-Shahani, a former ambassador and sister of Defense Secretary Fidel V. Ramos, and Santarina Rasul, the only women in the 23-member legislative chamber.

Both asked the Senate ethics committee, chaired by Sen. Rene Saguisag, to investigate Daza's allegation. They said they may later sue Daza for libel.

Paterno, chairman of the Senate committee

on economic affairs, said he was prompted to ask for a probe by the Supreme Court to defend the integrity of the two senators — his seatmates in Senate sessions.

"We believe that a woman's honour is precious. When attempts are made to besmirch it, her friends and believers are bound to defend her," said Paterno, adding "you may call us old-fashioned, but to us honour is real and of great value, sometimes beyond life itself."

Rasul, who hails from Sulu, said the rumours haveirked her relatives. Her Muslim friends have been calling her up to verify if she was the one referred to in Daza's column.

According to her, Muslim women found guilty of adultery are stoned to death under the Muslim's Shariah Law, though this is not practiced in the Philippines.

Daza has reportedly written Shahani and Rasul separate letters of apology early this week and also aired her apology in her TV talk show "Tell the People".

Daza's allegation was one of several unconfirmed reports about so-called sex scandals plaguing the Senate. Earlier, Sen. Orlando Mercado resigned as Senate majority floor leader and chairman of the powerful committee on rules amid rumours he had an affair with a daughter of another senator and had gotten her pregnant.

Mercado denied the rumours which had run rife and had affected the integrity of the Senate.

The Senate ethics committee opened a formal investigation of Daza's allegation but held its proceedings behind closed doors.

Jeepneys given route

IT'S free-for-all for jeepneys in Metro Manila streets from 7 pm to 4 am.



The Department of Transport and Communications has allowed jeepneys with regular franchises to ply any route and impose their own fare rates in any part of Metro Manila from dusk to dawn.

Transport Secretary Reinierio Reyes said that since Tuesday, the DOTC has relaxed regulations covering public utility jeepneys playing major routes to help ease the transport crisis in the metropolis especially at night.

Reyes said he has ordered Remedios Fernando, chairman of the Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board "deregulate" as a temporary solution to the worsening transport problem in the city.

Buses plying busy routes usually stop their operations after nightfall, often stranding thousands of commuters.

"I did not talk about fares. Bahala na sila. What is important is that stranded passengers get to their homes safe and fast," Reyes told reporters.

Taxes on soft drinks opposed

SUGAR producers strongly opposed proposed legislation imposing a 20 per cent excise tax on soft drinks.

The proposed measure sponsored by Rep. Hernando Perez is obviously aimed at increasing government revenues in the wake of a soaring deficit in the budget.

The bill has already been questioned by soft drink producers belonging to the Beverage Industry Association of the Philippines (BIAP).

The Confederation of Sugar Producers Associations (Confed) argued that the new tax would drastically reduce consumption of sugar by the beverage industry.

Soft drink bottlers are the country's biggest industrial users of sugar.

Last year, the industry consumed 275,000 metric tons of sugar corresponding to 20 per cent of total domestic consumption.

BIAP estimates that if the 20 per cent excise tax is imposed, prices of soft drinks will rise by at least P1 per eight ounce size bottle.

8 charged in Baula's death

AFP cover-up found

THE Senate committee on national defence and security concluded that there were clear indications of a cover-up in the military investigation of the death of Lieut. Col. Francisco Baula. The committee recommended the filing of criminal and administrative charges against five soldiers, including three officers.

The committee, chaired by Sen. Ernesto Maceda, recommended the prosecution of Camp Crame stockade sentinels Bayani Baracinas and Constable Jose Banares for murder, and stockade commander Maj. Roberto Comilang and assistant commander Capt. Pablito Magnaye for criminal negligence in a civilian court.

They were also recommended for administrative sanctions along with Col. Jose Percival Adiong, then Camp Crame commander, for gross failure in the performance of duties utterly "below the standards expected of them as officers of the Armed Forces."

Baula, a member of class '73 at the Philippine Military Academy and a rated pilot officer, was arrested on Oct. 3, 1988, for his alleged participation in the Aug. 28, 1987, mutiny when he attempted to take over Villamor Air Base.

He was detained at the PC stockade in Camp Crame charged with violation of the Article of War on mutiny.

However, on Oct. 15, Baula was shot while allegedly trying to escape from the stockade. He died at the hospital several hours later.

The committee said that although there was sufficient evidence to indicate that Baula really intended to escape, there was no complete justification to shoot him.

"The right of life takes precedence over the fulfilment of duty and the latter cannot be pleaded in exculpation if unreasonable force was used to prevent an escape," the report said.

While the committee concluded there were clear indications of cover-up in the investigations on the Baula case, it could not find conclusive evidence of conspiracy in his death.

The cover-up, the committee said, was noted in the apparent tempering of the ladder allegedly used in the escape attempt, the misleading testimonies of the guards and the attempt to record the incident on film. It said the military body investigating on the case did not delve deeper into some aspects of the case.

It also urged the AFP for a more expeditious disposition of cases of erring officers.

Great losses due to backlog

MANY government agencies have delayed the implementation of foreign-funded projects, resulting in losses of P273 million a year, Economic Planning Acting Secretary Filologo Pante revealed last week.

Testifying before the House committee on appropriations, Pante said the government has been paying "commitment fees" to foreign financial institution averaging \$13 million a year as a result of the "backlog".

Among the agencies with highest backlog are the Department of Public Works and Highways, National Irrigation Administration, National Power Corporation and the Department of Transportation and Communications.

To other which failed to use up their allotted foreign funds for their own projects are the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Administration and the Local Water Utilities Administration.

The DPWH has a total of \$158 million worth of "unfinished projects" out of the \$876 committed to the department by donors.

Pante said losses incurred were mostly penalties added to loan value of a project once implementation is delayed and this is draining foreign exchange reserves of the government.

From 1979 to December last year, a total of 137 projects of different agencies with a total cost of \$6.6 billion were funded by foreign financial institutions.

Pante said the government failed to use \$779.1 million as a result of slow implementation of agencies.

Rep. Rolando Andaya (LDP, Camarines Sur), committee chairman, said fees paid to creditors owing to slow implementation of projects by agencies is "another wastage of public funds" that should be immediately checked.

Romulo warns

Debts will swell to over \$40b

SEN. Alberto Romulo warned that unless the government limits its borrowings, the country's foreign debt would swell to more than \$40 billion in the next three years.

"When this happens, then we will all find ourselves deeper in the hole, our body and soul mortgaged to foreign creditors," Romulo said in a press statement.

He urged the Senate to ask Chairman Roberto Villanueva of the Philippine Assistance Programme (PAP) and other finance officials to disclose the terms of the contributions made by foreign countries and financial institutions to the international assistance programme that seeks to raise \$10 billion for the country's economic recovery.

At the House of Representatives, Rep. Raul Roco (LDP, Camarines Sur) said the administration was going against its own policy by allocating 37 per cent of the national budget for servicing the country's debts.

In her State-of-the Nation address, President Aquino said education and the alleviation of poverty will be among the priorities of her administration.

But Roco noted that only P28.17 billion of the P233.5 billion 1990 budget is being set aside for education, an amount that is "much smaller than what was allotted for debt servicing."

The proposed budget allocates P87.3 billion or 37 per cent for the payment of the country's foreign debts, now totalling about \$28 billion.

"This pattern (of allocation) violates our avowed commitment to put growth over debt. We must demand that our creditors share the burden," Roco said.

Romulo, who heads the Senate committee on banks financial institutions and currencies, said his committee would verify the amounts of grants and loans pledged to the PAP and determine if these were really new commitments.

Villanueva earlier said there were no conditions attached to the financial assistance and that the grants were bigger than the loans.

But Romulo said the National Economic Development Authority had reported that at least \$2.7 billion of the \$3.5 billion supposedly pledged by donors for this year were already in the pipeline before the pledging session in Tokyo.

Senate okays new salary bill

Minimum monthly salary P2,200

THE Senate approved on third and final reading a salary standardization bill setting a minimum monthly pay of P2,200 for regular government employees and a P100 wage for those paid on daily.

By a vote of 17-1, the senators passed Senate Bill No. 862, which raises to P2,200 the minimum monthly salary of P1,700 approved earlier by the House of Representatives.

The bills will be sent to a Senate-House conference committee which will try to reconcile conflicts in the two versions.

Only Sen. Edgardo Angara cast a negative vote "with deep regrets," saying the bill grants salary increases without standardizing the compensation received by government employees.

Sen. Teofisto Guingona abstained from voting. He said he still has to see the recommendations of a technical committee tasked with studying several issues he had raised.

The bill grants higher increases in salaries to the rank and file from grade levels 1 to 16, with the new salary scales taking effect on July 1 this year.

The new salaries are intended to align the basic compensation of public servants with those received by workers in the private sector doing comparable government to follow the minimum wage law.

However, Sen. Orlando Mercado, who voted for approval of the bill, said he would propose in the conference committee another formula that would narrow the gap between the compensations of officials and rank-and-file employees.

Mercado said his formula would provide salary adjustments ranging from P813 to P1,245 to employees occupying salary grade levels from 1 to 10 and no increases for officials from the rank of assistant bureau director to higher positions.

"The essence of the adjustment would be to give the largest increase to the lowest-level employees while those occupying higher-ranking positions would receive the minimum," Mercado said.

He explained that top government officials do not need big salary adjustments since they receive "a lot of extra privileges, perks and benefits, including allowances amounting to thousands (of pesos)."

FILIPINO DIGEST

24 communist hitmen arrested

TWENTY-FOUR suspected communist hit men have been arrested in simultaneous raids conducted by military intelligence agents on alleged rebel safehouses in Metro Manila.

Brig. Gen. Alexander Aguirre, Capital Regional Command (CAPCOM) chief, told newsmen in a press conference that the suspects were rounded up hours before the capture of top rebel leaders Saturino Ocampo and his common-law wife, Carolina "Bobbie" Malay, in Makati, last week.

Aguirre said the arrests dealt a crippling blow to the underground movement.

"They (communists) were destabilized, demoralized and are now engaging in reconsolidation and reevaluation of their ranks," Aguirre said.

He said the weakest point of the rebel group is the distrust of members who, because of constant purging in the ranks, had decided to surrender and become military informers.

"The rebel safehouses raided were pinpointed by rebel surrenders," Aguirre said.

Two of the 24 arrested are principals in the killing of Makati police chief Col Herminio Taylo. Aguirre said. They were identified as Roger Manilag, 20, and Magdalena Gustilo, reportedly finance officer of the Manila/Rizal Regional Party Committee (MRRPC) District 7, who also claimed to be a member of the women activists group Gabriela.

Others arrested were Edgardo Dose and Luther Candido, both of the special partisan operators (SPO) south command sector; Charles Reyes, party secretary; Rolando Manangal, Santiago Ampatin, Arnel Olas, Mario Ty and Cleotide Binabaye, all of the district MRRPC.

Daniel Elumba, chief of the regular partisan operator (RPO) District 7; RPO vice-leader Joven Lim and members Ariel Sarto, Alejandro Delgado Jr., Reynante Roca and Virgilio Bacolod; and partisan support group (PSG) members Arsenio Elumba, Virgilio Tesoro, Herminio Maanin, Jose Laquer, Adriano Paulino, Victorino Aquino, Priscilla Bucio and Jerry



Lambuson, Col Orville Gabuna, chief of the CAPCOM special operations task force, said his men

swooped down on the rebel lairs in Makati, Paranaque and Pasay. The raiders confiscated several handguns, subversive documents, propaganda materials and lists of targets for liquidation.

10 generals, 11 colonels reshuffled in revamp

By Fe B. Zamora

TEN generals and 11 colonels holding key command and staff positions were reshuffled in the second revamp in the Armed Forces this year.

Gen. Renato de Villa, AFP chief of staff, said the new assignments from Aug 1 and are part of "the ongoing rotation of senior officers which is designed to enhance the overall effectiveness of the AFP, particularly in the counterinsurgency campaign."

De Villa named Brig. Gen. Guillermo Flores as chief of the Southern Command, replacing Maj. Gen. Manuel Cacanando who was promoted as chief of Army.

Brig. Gen. Rodolfo Biazon relinquished his post as commander of the Marines but kept his other post as chief of the National Capital Region Defence Command.

De Villa also relieved Brig. Gen. Arturo Castro as deputy chief of staff for plans. Castro is slated for a foreign assignment, De Villa said.

Earlier this month, De Villa also named Brig. Gen. Renato Palma as chief of the Visayas Command, replacing Brig. Gen. Orlando Antonio who was assigned to the Northern Luzon Command.

The other officers who were given new assignments were:

Brig. Gen. Marcelo Blando, from commander of the First Scout Rangers Regiment to chief of the 7th Infantry Division in Fort Magsaysay, Laur, Nueva Ecija.

Brig. Gen. Rene Cardones, from chief of the AFP civil-military relations to chief of the Scout Rangers.

Brig. Gen. Raymundo Jarque, from commander

of the 301st Brigade in Negros Occidental to chief of the 3rd ID based in Jaramin, Capiz.

Brig. Gen. Andrew Francisco, from superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy to chief of the 1st Air Division based in Villamor air base.

Brig. Gen. Gumersindo Yap, from commander of the 1st ID in Zamboanga del Sur to commander of the 6th ID.

Brig. Gen. Jose Cesar Capa, from commander of the 6th ID in Maguindanao to the Army headquarters in Fort Bonifacio.

Brig. Gen. Arturo Enrile, from chief of staff of the Army to superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy.

Brig. Gen. Ernesto Calupig, from commander of the 103rd Brigade to chief of the 1st ID.

Brig. Gen. Rumberto Saavedra, from commander of the 602nd Brigade to Army chief of staff.

Col Emiliano Templo, from CAPCOM deputy chief of the AFP civil-military operations.

Col Renato Garcia, from Army headquarters to commander of the 103rd Brigade.

Col Danilo Olay, from Army headquarters to commander of the 602nd Brigade in Davao del Norte.

Navy Capt. Armando Madamba, from secretary of the joint staff to AFP deputy chief of staff for plans.

Col Seseando Candiano, from commander of the 530th Wing in Zamboanga City to commandant of the AFP Command and General Staff College in Fort Bonifacio.

Picop piecemeal not for outsiders

Acquisition plans may be dropped

FOREIGN companies which had expressed interest in buying Paper Industries Corp. of the Philippines (Picop) may drop their respective acquisition plans because of legal and constitutional questions.

According to sources, at least one multinational group has already decided to drop its bid to acquire Picop.

Picop is planned to be sold piecemeal by the Asset Privatization Trust but the move is being questioned as impractical and highly disadvantageous to the government.

The APT which controls Picop announced that it would sell 36 per cent of the firm's issued and outstanding shares through a bidding later this year.

Industry sources said however the plan is impractical if the idea is to attract foreign investors which will retire Picop loans and put up substantial amounts to develop the firm into a world class company.

With such huge investments, foreign investors are not expected to settle for just 36 per cent ownership. The minimum, according to sources, should be 51 per cent. But even then, there are certain things that a 51 per cent control cannot do, they added.

APT's move to partly privatize Picop is already under question because it is based on the firm's financial restructuring in which the government is claimed to have been shortchanged.

Under the quasi-reorganization, government exposure to Picop in terms of secured loans was reduced while loans of commercial banks were left untouched.

After the quasi-reorganization, total government loan and equity exposure in Picop stood at P3.49 billion consisting of P1 billion equity and P2.49 billion mortgage bonds.

APT's holdings of about P900 million are being planned to be sold at auction.

This is being questioned because the buyer will be able to control Picop although the government still has P2.47 billion in mortgage bonds.

Ex-OIC, NDF men in Utrecht not hunted spouse killed

OZAMIS CITY: Unidentified men abducted a former provincial officer-in-charge, his wife and brother-in-law then shot them dead after a 16-kilometre drive to the outskirts of this city, police and witnesses said.

The bodies of Alfonso Tan, former IOO of Misamis Occidental, his wife Elena and brother-in-law Vic Veloso were recovered 45 minutes after they were abducted in the early morning from the nearby town of Tangub, Capt. Augusto Nazareth of the Constabulary said.

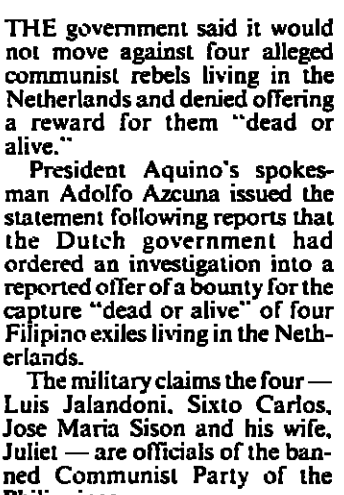
The three had just left their house in a car on their way to work when they were waylaid by the gunmen, Nazareth told reporters. They were then forced to drive toward Ozamis Nazareth added.

Mrs Tan, a physician, was chief of government hospital in Tangub where her husband was mayor for many years in the 1960s.

A witness told investigators one of the gunmen, who wore fatigue uniforms, shouted to him not to get closer and that "they are NPA rebels," Nazareth said.

The witness told investigators he saw a man grappling with two others and heard shots, police said.

They would not say, however, if they believed the killings were carried out by rebels or were the result of a long-standing feud Tan has had with other provincial politicians.



Jalandoni up to P1 million (\$48,000) had been offered for the capture of the four, as well as 50 others. Azcuna said reports that the rewards would be paid "dead or alive" were wrong.

Rasul lauds project

SENATOR Santanina T. Rasul has lauded President Aquino for pursuing a multi-million peso government project in Tawi-Tawi, the southernmost part of the country. The President recently inaugurated the government project which included the establishment of a livelihood programme for the processing of seaweeds. "It is a manifestation of the President's sincere concern not only to the people of Tawi-Tawi but to the Muslims in Mindanao," the senator said. She stressed that "the development of the different areas in Southern Philippines, especially Tawi-Tawi, is an implementation of our commitment for peace and progress in the ASEAN region." Tawi-Tawi is a top sea weed-producing province.

4 NIA officials suspended

PRESIDENT Aquino suspended four assistant administrators of the National Irrigation Administration accused of conspiring to defraud the government of several million pesos through various anomalous irrigation projects.

In a memorandum signed by Executive Secretary Catalino MacAraig, Ms Aquino ordered the suspension for 90 days of David Rojas, NIA assistant administrator for administrative services; Sebastian Julian, systems operations and equipment; Zenaida Sebastian, finance; and Eduardo Fernandez, project development.

The ombudsman and the National Bureau of Investigation are investigating charges filed by the Gising Bayan Foundation that the four officials

conspired in the commission of graft. Ms Aquino also directed Justice Secretary Sedfrey Ordonez to create a committee that would hear the administrative charges against former NIA Administrator Federico Alday and 13 NIA officials.

Alday resigned as administrator last June 29, citing personal reasons, and Ms Aquino appointed Jose del Rosario, NIA assistant administrator.

Alday, Rojas, Sebastian, Julian, and six other officials of the irrigation agency were named by the NBI in criminal and administrative cases charging them with falsifying public and commercial documents and contracts to purchase drill bits, parts and accessories worth P17,758,873.72 from three private firms.

Tycoon Tan to be arrested

THE Sandiganbayan ordered the arrest of business tycoon Lucio Tan in connection with a multimillion peso graft case filed against him by the Presidential Commission on Good Government in April this year.

In a 13-page resolution, Sandigan Justice Hermogenes Hermosissima denied the motion for dismissal of the PCGG petition for his arrest and ordered the sheriff to serve the warrant on Tan, who is the majority stockholder of Asia Brewery Inc., Fortune Tobacco Corp. and other business enterprises.

Tan and other stockholders of Asia Brewery — Florencio Santos, Mariano Tan Eng Lian, Domingo Chua and Mariano Khoo — are facing criminal charges for allegedly acting as dummies of deposed President Marcos.

The PCGG said the five ABI officers gave Marcos some P50 million worth of shares in the beer manufacturing firm in exchange for favours promoting the company's interests and helping Tan expand his business interests in violation of the anti-graft law.

Tan is also a co-defendant in one of the 39 civil suits filed by the PCGG with the Sandigan against Marcos, his family and business associates.

The PCGG sought the arrest of Tan, after commission officials failed to reach agreement with the businessman on a compromise settlement. The officials earlier said they were willing to grant Tan immunity from suit in exchange for a cash settlement.

Tan and other ABI officials have denied the charges made by the PCGG and questioned its authority to conduct a preliminary investigation of the case.

In his petition, Tan also said he was not given the chance to answer the charges against him before the suits were elevated to the Sandiganbayan.

From the provinces

BALETE, Batangas: Constabulary operatives uprooted some 100 fully grown marijuana plants in raids on privately-owned orchards in two interior barangays of this town.

Capt. Jaime Caringal, 216th PC commanding officer, said the prohibited plants worth P100,000 were discovered concealed among coffee and calamansi trees in plantations owned by Miguel Lumera, 27, and his brother Nestor, 40. The orchards are located about 200 metres apart in barangays Maquina and Alangian.

Caringal stated the seized plants were immediately brought to the PC crime laboratory where chemical experts positively identified them as marijuana.

Suspect Lumera was arrested Friday while his brother Nestor was still being sought by lawmen. (Bayani Malaluan)

ILIGAN CITY: Elements of the Iligan Metro District Command (Ilmidscom) raided last week the residence of the Catholic bishop of this city and the house of David Borja as it pressed its hunt for the killers of Ilmidscom commander police Capt. Nicomedes Interina and his driver.

The raid on the residence of Bishop Fernando Capalla yielded negative results, while raid on the house of Borja resulted in the arrest of three persons and the confiscation of subversive materials.

Arrested were Danny Prieto, Rodolfo Plego, and Rudy Plego.

Bishop Capalla was not in his residence during the raid which was authorised by a court warrant.

Interina was killed last July 7 in an ambush staged by suspected NPA "hit men."

TONDO: A 55-year-old lawyer was stabbed dead by unidentified men in Balut, Tondo while the victim and his wife were on their way to attend a court hearing.

Detective Benjamin Ines, investigator of the Western Police District (WPD), identified the victim as Artemio Agacali of 1236 Rodriguez St., Balut. He was stabbed several times in the body by the assailant, police said.

An investigation showed that the victim and his wife Elizabeth, 41, were walking on Rodriguez St. when the killer approached from behind and attacked him with a knife. A police report said that the victim was taken to the Mary Johnston Hospital but he was declared dead on arrival.

MANILA: The Aircargo Forwarders of the Philippines Inc. has proposed that working hours in the processing and handling of import-export entries at the Bureau of Customs be extended beyond the normal eight hours.

Alberto Lina, president of the aircargo forwarders association, said in his letter to Customs Commissioner Salvador Moson that release of goods can be done at a quicker pace if working hours are extended from eight to 16 or even 24 hours.

He pointed out that this move should ultimately benefit the end-users since delay in the release of goods forces the importer to adjust prices upwards.

"Furthermore, the government can immediately collect the customs duties that accompany every release," he added.

Lina also requested Commissioner Moson to make inquiries concerning procedures in other countries which may be adopted in the system of time-management of import-export entries and securing of goods by the customs bureau.

CALAPAN, Oriental Mindoro: A beleaguered town mayor here recently heaved a sigh of relief when the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) recently upheld the right of government retirees to seek elective posts and affirmed his election.

In a resolution, the COMELEC upheld the eligibility of government retirees to seek elective posts in the 1988 local elections and thus affirmed the election of Gloria town mayor Nicolas Jamilla, Sr. the first mayor to be suspended in this province's political history.

Jamilla's political opponents, led by Armando Medrano, former Gloria town OIC and Jamilla's opponent in the 1988 local elections, alleged in a protest that Jamilla, being a government retiree, was disqualified from seeking public office.

Jamilla, who was Gloria's town mayor since its founding in the mid-'60s, retired shortly after the EDSA Revolution and collected retirement benefits from the government. However, when the 1988 local election was announced, Jamilla filed a certificate of candidacy and won by a slim margin over Medrano.

In his defence, Jamilla argued that the disqualification of government retirees mentioned by petitioner Medrano applied only to the 1980 local elections, and not to the 1988 local polls.

Jamilla's election victory, however, is not the end of his trouble.

CARMEN, Cotabato: This sleepy town of 31,000 residents, long isolated from the rest of the province, may soon become the newest economic miracle of Central Mindanao.

Resting at the crossroad at northern and eastern Mindanao, Carmen is accessible to land transportation only during the summer months when the giant Kabacan river dries up. The rest of the year, she is an "island" isolated from her Lanao and Bukidnon neighbours by impassable road and the rest of Cotabato by the swollen Kabacan river.

But everything may change soon. The bridge that will span the half-kilometre Kabacan river is expected to be finished before December and the P37.8 million Kabacan-Kibawe Road which is part of the approved national P16 billion infrastructure programme will be finally open this town to Bukidnon and the rest of Cotabato provinces.

Waiting to be tapped are the rich resources of the town, principally the land which is suitable to all kind of crops: cotton, rubber, corn, rice. The town also has wide grazing lands and rich forests that abound with fine wood.

LAS PINAS: A PC sergeant assigned as a bodyguard of Las Pinas Mayor Rivalino Rigueria and a barangay councilman were shot dead by four youths, believed to be members of a drug syndicate, in Las Pinas.

Cpl. Eddie Galang and Pfc. Ben Javier, officers-on case,

said that T/Sgt. Nicanor de la Cruz, 45, of San Francisco St., Ilaya, Pulang Lupa, Las Pinas, and Councilman Romeo Cristobal, 38, of Julio Compound, also of Pulang Lupa, died on the spot from many bullet wounds.

The two were in a jeep when they were fired upon at the corner of Naga Road and the national highway, Paland Lupa.

The gunmen then commandeered a Baclaran-bound passenger jeepney.

The four killers, who said that they were New People's Army (NPA) members, alighted at barangay Kabisman in Paranaque, the jeepney driver told probes.

Police suspected that the killers were members of a drug ring because the two victims were active in the drive against "shabu" (poor man's cocaine), in Las Pinas, run by crime syndicates.

ZAMBOANGA CITY: This southern Philippine city known as the "city of flowers," may soon earn the reputation as a "city of cockpits."

The city council has just passed a resolution approving the operation of six cockpits in as many population centers in the city which at present has only two licensed cockfighting arenas.

The resolutions goes to the Philippine Game Fowl Commission in Manila for final approval.

Should the PGC give its nod to all six proposed cockpits, then Zamboanga stands to have eight to serve the needs of cockfighting "aficionados" among its population of more than half a million people.

Councilors Jaime Castro and Efrén Aranez who sponsored the resolution Friday said the act seeks to legalise the operation of cockpits in the city's population centres which they said may now be turned into legitimate sources of city revenues.

Besides, the authors explained that the legalization of the district cockpits will minimise alleged harassments of cockfighting aficionados by some law enforcers who either sponsor the illegal cockpits themselves or collect "longs" from the illegal cockpits operators.

Cabato said that instead of the money going to the illegal operators and unscrupulous lawmen, proceeds from the legalised cockpit operation should now go to the city treasury for the benefit of the city and its people.

Cabato and Aranez said the resolution was approved after surveys and public hearings were conducted in the barangays where most illegal cockpits are held at least once a week, excluding special occasions such as fiestas and holidays.

The councilors said the surveys and hearings showed that most of the "aficionados" favoured the operation of cockpits in their districts as they complained against alleged harassments by law enforcers.

During the hearings, witnesses said in many cases, certain lawmen themselves sponsor the illegal cockpits also known in other parts of the country as "tupadas" and pocket the proceeds.

Witnesses also pointed out abuses by lawmen who allegedly raid illegal cockpits, confiscate cocks and bring them home. Bets, they said, were confiscated and usually end up in the pockets of some lawmen.



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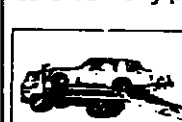
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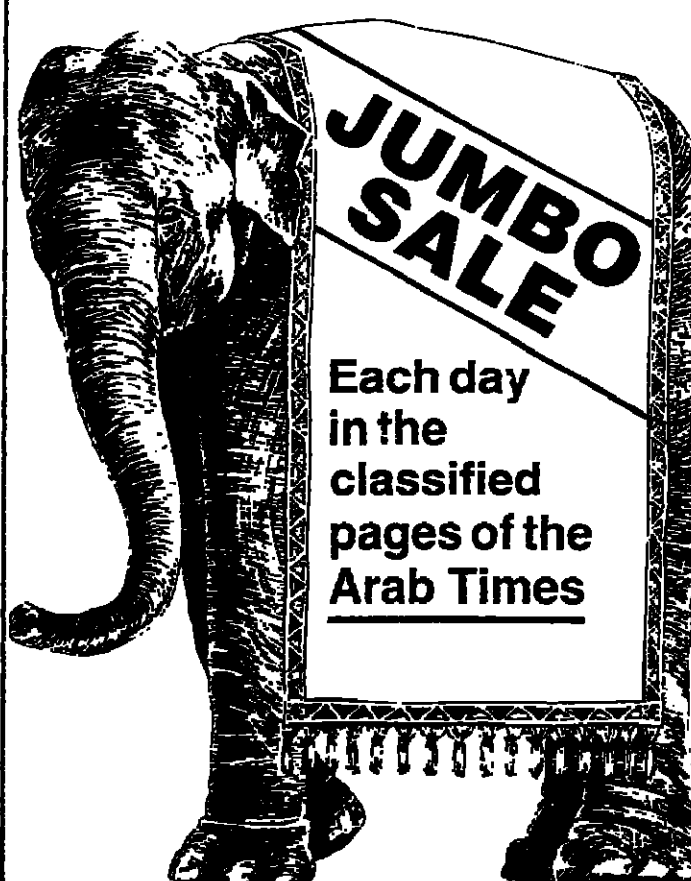
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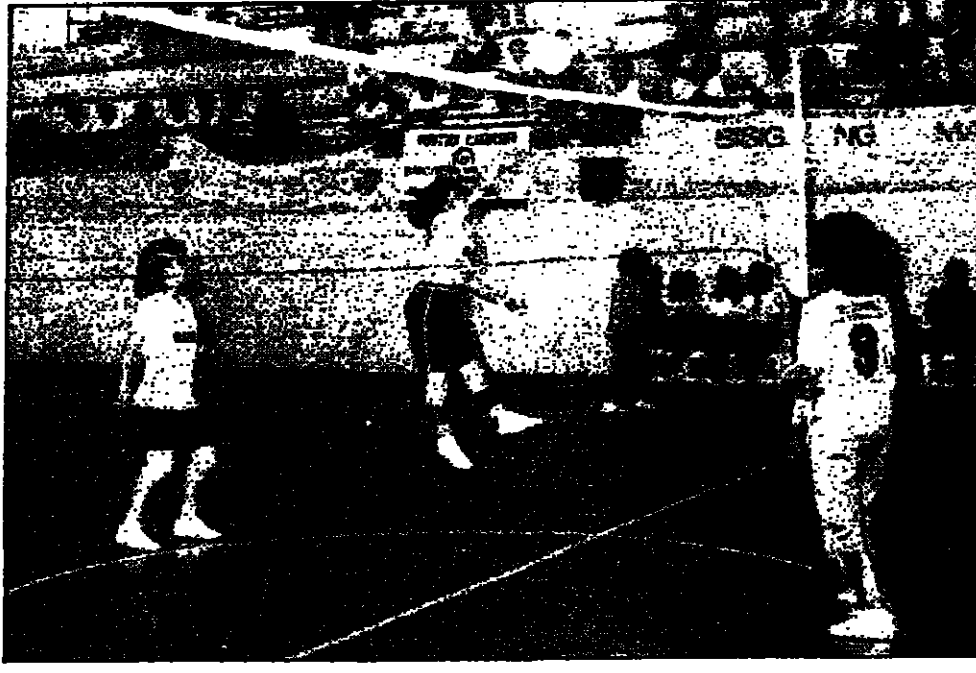
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Durrani Exchange: women's volleyball champions



One of Durrani ladies smashes the ball.



FCC Shell: finished second

(Photos by Mohammed Amer and Ahmed Barakat)

Magnolia blast Woodgroup for lead

Durrani Exchange retain volleyball title

By Gili Bangalan

A FIVE 3-pointer blitz in the last quarter by San Buenaventura ensured Magnolia's victory over Woodgroup Engineering during their game on Friday.

Magnolia's win places them at the top of the six-team championship round of the KAPILKU men's basketball competition. San Buenaventura started sluggishly in the first half managing to sink in only two points, but he came back into the second half with hot hands, and proved that his winning the Pizza Italia 3-point Area Shooting Contest Title was not just a lucky streak, sinking 5 consecutive baskets from the 3-point area to finish the game with 23 points.

Woodgroup's Celso Tuadles, although handcuffed by a tight Magnolia defence, came up with a high 47 points score. But Woodgroup's one-man scoring machine failed to get the necessary support from his teammates to overcome Magnolia's vaunted effective offence game. Final score was 103-89.

Top scorers for Magnolia were Calaycay, and Zalavarría with 15 points each, Vargas and Babierra — 14 points each, while Reyes scored 13 points, Migabon 7 points, Castro and Tuadles J. 6 points each.

In the other games, EEI-Kamish Al Aryan routed Kuwait Regency Palace, 111-75. The EEI quintet kept the Regency Palace five panning towards the middle of the game, as they employed a fastbreak play. The Regency Palace players' stamina obviously waned and this gave the EEI-Kamish quintet a heyday in the basket.

Top scorers for EEI-Kamish were Dingson with 26 points, Barcelona 28 points, Lugo 16 points, Garcia 13 points, and Repollo 9 points. For Kuwait Regency Palace, Bolito and Roldique topscored with 20 points each, Garcia 15 points and Matudio 10 points.

SAS Hotel defeated Dollarco Exchange, 96-78, with Arganoza returning with his old form and scoring 32 points for SAS Hotel. He was effectively supported by Sandoval, who contributed 14 points, Vergara and De la Cruz with 13 points each and Romulo with 11 points. On the Dollarco side, Macatangay scored 29 points, Romero 20 points, and Pacala 14 points.

Applying the international rules adapted during the championship round to determine the ranking of the teams, the standing of the teams as of this writing is as follows:

	W	L	Pts earned	G. Ave
Magnolia Ice	2	0	4	101.5
EEI-Kamish	1	1	3	100
Woodgroup Eng	1	1	3	94
SAS Hotel	1	1	3	80.5
Kuwait Regency	1	1	3	71
Dollarco Exch	0	2	2	65.5

The Durrani Exchange volleyball team took only three sets in their second encounter with the FCC Shell in the best-of-three game championship series to clinch the Champion's title in the Ladies Volleyball tournament. Score was 15-3, 15-3, and 15-6. Durrani Exchange, whose players come mainly from the Al Adan Hospital, thus have retained the title which the Al Adan Hospital team had been carrying for the past five years or so.

Al Rashed Freight clinched the third place, when they were declared winner in their scheduled second encounter with Hatid Ligaya-Abugosh, when the latter failed to appear in the court after Buddy Patungan, chairman for the volleyball tournament gave them up to 3:00 pm to report for the game. Al Rashed Freight had won the first game in a previous encounter, thus they earned the third place position. Hatid Ligaya-Abugosh settled for the fourth place.

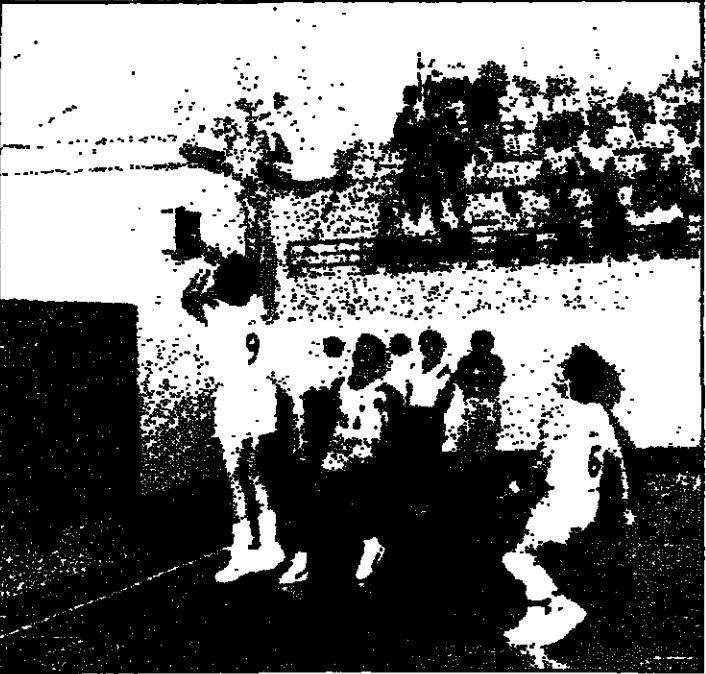
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Magnolia: beat Woodgroup



Some supporters of the Hatid Ligaya squad which failed to turn up.



An EEI player scores against Kuwait Regency.



The Woodgroup squad, lost to a better team



Some basketball enthusiasts watch the proceedings.



Palero officials at the basketball tournament.



A Durrani player makes a save.

Estrada and Gumban win PBAK monthly bowling tournament

By Sony Mariano

CELSE ESTRADA of BMW and Gina Gumban of Mowasat Hospital elevated themselves into the company of seeded bowlers as they both emerged champion in the just concluded PBAK monthly tournament for non-seeded bowlers.

In winning the title in their respective division, both bowlers topped the 3-game elimination round with Celso scoring a 3-game series of 611 (200, 307,

204) and Gina 542 (163, 201, 178). In the Men's Division the other finalists were Tino Ocampo who submitted a score of 580 (205, 174, 201) while Mel Cervera came in third with his 562 (196, 202, 165) and fourth finalist Mando Alejandro garnered a total of 561 (176, 179, 206) pinfalls.

In the Women's Division, the other top finishers were Joe Reyes with 500 (185, 157, 158) and in third place was Vangie Simoy who submitted 481 (165,

150, 174). Completing the list of the top four for the ladies was Neophyte Mayeen Abesamis after she scored 470 on lines of 160, 177, 133.

Going into the step ladder finals of the men's group, Mel Cervera barely edged Mando Alejandro in the first match and then went to beat Tino Ocampo to set a 2-game championship match with Celso Estrada the top qualifier. It was anybody's game but the breaks went Celso's way and with it goes the title.

In the Women's Division, the championship was also decided via the step ladder. The first match was won by Vangie Simoy over Mayeen Abesamis. Vangie also overcame Jo Reyes in the next match but Gina Gumban halted her winning streak in the final 2-game championship match which in turn gave Gina the coveted crown.

Also played this week was the PBAK monthly tournament for seeded bowlers which will serve as a basis in

determining the participants in the coming Battle of the Champions, at the end of PBAK's bowling calendar for the year 1989. Previous winners of this tournament were Pete Nierva and Anukul Sae-Tang.

In this month's edition, Mars Balisi played a no-nonsense game to grab the pole position in the elimination round with his 3-game total of 592 (194, 189, 209) pinfalls followed by Edwin Nepomuceno who with his power packed brand of play garnered 590

(201, 165, 224). Dr Munir Hamdan on the other hand dished out a fine performance to land in third place 565 (191, 181, 193) and Sani Baker secured his place in the finals with his 563 (223, 170, 160).

The first match of the finals saw Sani Baker outpina Dr Munir Hamdan in a rather low scoring game and then Edwin Nepomuceno ended Sani Baker's campaign for the title to give himself a shot for the title.

In the 2-game final match Mars Bal-

isi showed that his brilliant performance did not end in the elimination round as he stopped powerhouse Edwin Nepomuceno to become the third winner of this monthly tournament.

Coming up next:
The PBAK Inter Commercial Bowling tournament on August 11, 1989.
Also watch out for the 2nd PBAK Awards Nite to be held at the Meridian Hotel on August 31, 1989. For further details consult any PBAK office.

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Fittipaldi earns top qualifying spot

BROOKLYN, Michigan, Aug. 5 (AP) Emerson Fittipaldi came up with his third straight pole victory and his first on an oval track yesterday, earning the top qualifying spot for the Marlboro 500 with a lap of 219.827 miles per hour (353.768 kilometres per hour).

The 42-year-old Brazilian, who is fast turning the CART-PPG Indy-car championship race into a runaway, has won four races and finished second twice since his triumph in the Indianapolis 500 in May.

Fittipaldi's sixth career pole added one more point to his season point total, giving him a lead of 142-102 over second-place Rick Mears, who will start second in tomorrow's 500-mile (804.65-kilometre) race.

However, his last lap yesterday on the two-mile (3.2-kilometre), high-banked oval at Michigan International Speedway did not approach the track record of 223.401 miles per hour (359.519 kilometre per hour) set in 1986 by Mears.

Mears' best this time was 218.155 (351.077 kilometres per hour), which did not even equal his 1988 pole-winning speed of 218.417 (351.515).

Joining the two Chevrolet-powered Penske PC18s on the front row tomorrow will be the Porsche-powered March of Teo Fabi of Italy, who qualified at 217.970 (350.779).

It was expected that the top qualifiers would at least approach the record speeds turned in at Indy, where Mears led the assault with a one-lap record of 224.254 (360.892).

Blue Jays triumph

Stieb misses perfect game on last out

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (AP) For the third time in his career last night, Toronto's Dave Stieb missed pitching a no-hitter in the last inning of the game.

The Blue Jay's 32-year-old right-hander, who lost two no-hit bids with two out in the ninth inning last September, was only one out away from a perfect game when he gave up a double to Roberto Kelly and a single to Steve Sax before winning the game against the New York Yankees 2-1.

"This one was nothing compared to those two," Stieb said after retiring the last 26 batters. Last Sept. 24, Cleveland's Julio Franco got a lead-home single. On Sept. 30, Baltimore's Jim Traber hit a soft single. Stieb consoled himself with becoming one of the few pitchers to throw consecutive one-hitters.

In other American League games, it was Texas 6, Baltimore 4; California 6, Milwaukee 2; Oakland 5, Seattle 3; Cleveland 4, Boston 3; Minnesota 5, Kansas City 1, and Chicago 5, Detroit 4.

Rangers 6, Orioles 4. Julio Franco hit a three-run homer and Charlie Hough pitched his first victory since June 19 as the Texas Rangers dealt the Baltimore Orioles their 14th loss in 16 games.

It was the Orioles' first loss in four games at home with US President George Bush in attendance and their lead in the American League last shrank to 1-2 games over Cleveland and two over Toronto.

Angels 6, Brewers 2. Chili Davis hit two-run homers in the top of the first and third innings and Wally Joyner also homered as the California Angels rocked veteran-heavy

Reus in his debut with the Milwaukee Brewers.

Athletics 5, Mariners 3. Oakland's Dave Stewart became the AL's first 16-game winner, beating Seattle for the fourth time this season. Stewart is 11-0 against the Mariners since joining the A's in June 1986. He has a 13-2 career record against Seattle.

Indians 4, Red Sox 3. Joey Balle and Brock Jacoby hit consecutive second-inning homers and Jacoby went 4-for-4 as the Cleveland Indians moved within 1 1/2 games of first-place Baltimore in the AL East.



Wally Joyner, homered for Angels

Cleveland got three runs in the top of the second off Boston's Mike Boddicker, 9-8, who hadn't lost since June 25.

Twins 5, Royals 1. Gene Larkin's three-run homer and Allan Anderson's eight-hit pitching led the Minnesota Twins.

The Twins were up 2-1 going into the bottom of the fourth when Greg Gagne and Al Newman singled off the Kansas City Royals starter Luis Aquino, 6-5, with one out. After Randy Bush flied out, Larkin hit Aquino's first pitch for his third home run of the season.

White Sox 5, Tigers 4

Doubles by Carlton Fisk and Ozzie Guillen keyed a two-run rally in the bottom of the ninth that gave the Chicago White Sox their 12th consecutive home victory.

Giants 4, Astros 2. Sana Francisco's Will Clark broke a seventh-inning tie with a home run, to lead the Giants to a 4-2 victory over the Astros last night.

It was Clark's second time tie-breaker against Houston in eight days.

Last Friday, Clark also homered to break a 2-2 tie and lead the first-place Giants to a 3-2 victory over their closest pursuers.

Coincidentally, Don Robinson was the winning pitcher in both games last night pitching a three-hitter as the Giants took a two-game lead over the Astros.

Elsewhere in the National League, it was New York 11, Montreal 5; Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 2; Cincinnati 5, Atlanta 4; St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 3 and Los Angeles 6, San Diego 3.

Mets 11, Expos 5

Howard Johnson hit a three-run homer to highlight a four-run first inning as the New York Mets started a key three-game series against Montreal with a victory over the first-place Expos.

Cubs 3, Pirates 2. Vance Law broke a ninth-inning tie with a run-scoring single, and Ryne Sandberg and Mark Grace homered to lift Chicago over the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Cubs' 11th win in 14 games.

The Cubs have won 12 of their last 17 against Pittsburgh, including all four games at Three Rivers Stadium this season.

Fiori fires 4-under-par 67 for lead

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 5 (Reuters) Ed Fiori was in total control yesterday as he fired a four-under-par 67 to take a two-stroke lead after two rounds of the million-dollar St Jude Classic golf tournament.

Fiori, who is seeking his first PGA Tour victory since the 1982 Bob Hope Classic, stood at 10-under-par 132. Bob Gilder, Billy Ray Brown and Jim Gallagher were tied at 134.

"I just kept it going from yesterday and was in control of my golf game the entire round," said Fiori. "I'm satisfied with my game at this point and am looking forward to the weekend."

Gilder and Brown had the day's best rounds of five-under-66 while Gallagher shot a 71 on the new Tournament Players Club that measures 7,000 yards.

First-round leader Doug Tewell, who shot a course record 63 on Thursday, had his problems all day and fell back with a four-over-par 75 to trail Fiori by six strokes.

Four rookie Brian Watts stood fifth at 135 after a 70. He was one stroke better than former Master's champion Bernhard Langer of West Germany and Davis Stewart.

So far player reaction to this new course has been excellent. Bob Gilder was especially pleased with the layout.

"From tee to green this course is one of the best around," said Gilder. "You must hit the ball from tee to green and it's not a putting contest."

Daniel ahead by one shot

BETHESDA, Md., Aug. 5 (Reuters) Beth Daniel had a good feeling and it translated into a one-stroke lead after the opening round of the \$300,000 Greater Washington Open golf tournament yesterday.

Daniel shot a five-under-par 66 on the challenging Bethesda Country Club course. Rosie Jones posted a 67 with Missie McGeorge another stroke back. Theresa Hession carded a 69 to finish ahead of a cluster of 11 golfers at 70.

"I hit the ball very well," said Daniel, who has not won an LPGA Tour event since 1985. "It was one of those days you want to have more often. The club in my hand felt good."

English soccer season draws near Cut standing room: report

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AP) Run-down facilities share the blame for the deaths of 95 fans at a British soccer match, but when the soccer season opens in two weeks, large sections of even the biggest soccer stadiums still will be taken up by standing room.

A government inquiry concluded in a report issued yesterday that police inexperience was the major cause of Britain's worst sports disaster. But recommendations to avoid more deaths included a call for drastic reductions in standing-room areas. Such areas have become virtual shrines for working-class fans over 100 years.

The tragedy occurred at the start of a playoff game between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest. The 95 killed and 170 injured were Liverpool fans in a standing section who were crushed against anti-hooligan gates when late-arriving fans flooded into the stadium.

"The idiosyncratic British have always wanted to stand. But like other traditions, it will have to go," said Chris Nawrat, sports editor of the Sunday Times, which has long campaigned for all-seater stadiums.

Thousands of fans, from soccer-mad Liverpool and the rising Nottingham Forest club, flocked to neutral Sheffield to see their teams contest a semifinal of the FA Cup on April 15.

The Forest fans had been allocated 21,000 standing places at one end of the ground and were accommodated without trouble.

Liverpool supporters, meanwhile, had 10,100 places reserved at the opposite end — even though the club's following was far greater than Forest's.

Police, anxious to avoid rioting by disgruntled fans,

allowed latecomers into the already packed Liverpool terraces. The rusty crush barriers collapsed. Whole families died in the panic.

Police reaction was "sluggish," Justice Peter Taylor in yesterday's report. The officer in charge, Chief Superintendent David Duckenfield, was singled out as being unprepared to handle the crisis and was suspended immediately after the report was released. His boss, Chief Constable Peter Wright, offered to resign.

Taylor describes the horror as fans tried to escape as more people were allowed into the pen:

"At first fans had walked or staggered out, winded and faint. But the final surge... and the struggle to reach the open gates, caused a horrendous blockage of bodies. The dead, the dying and the desperate became interwoven in the sump at the front of the pens, especially by the gates. Those with strength left clambered over others submerged in the human heap and tried to climb out over the fence."

"It was truly gruesome. The victims were blue... incontinent; their mouths open, vomiting, their eyes staring." Taylor called for urgent changes: standing room cut by 15 per cent; other facilities immediately improved; better policing; better crowd monitoring.

FIFA, world soccer's organizing body, ruled at its last meeting that qualifying matches for the 1992 World Cup must be played in all-seater grounds.

There are very few of these among the 92 grounds used in the Four Divisions of England's Football League, the oldest in the world.

Foreman among next opponents, says Tyson

World champion also wants to fight Dokes

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5 (Reuters) World heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, the self-proclaimed "baddest man on the planet," says he is ready to defend his title against a man who lost his last fight and a 41-year-old ex-champion making a comeback.

As for Evander Holyfield, regarded as Tyson's next major challenger — "you've got to develop it, promote it, and that's what we will be doing over the next few fights," Tyson's adviser and promoter Don King declared.

"The Holyfield people, they don't know how to do that," King told a press conference on Thursday.

"My first choice is Michael Dokes and I hope to fight him next month," Tyson, trying to get in a few words past the ever-talking King, said.

"I am also ready to give George Foreman a chance and that would come before a Holyfield fight," the 22-year-old Tyson said.

Dokes, who says he is a recovered cocaine addict, was stopped by Holyfield in the 10th round in Las Vegas last March.



Foreman (left): in action in one of his comeback fights

Foreman, who beat Joe Frazier for the heavyweight crown in 1973 and lost the title to Muhammad Ali the next year, hung up his gloves and delivered sermons for 10 years before deciding to return to the ring.

"Foreman would be in the era of Rip Van Winkle fights," King declared. "A man goes to sleep for years and comes back."

Asked about the possibility of a return fight with British heavyweight Frank Bruno in London, I'd like to fight Frank Bruno again. He is a good fighter.



All Blacks winger John Kirwan (left) attempts to burst through the tackle of Nick Farr-Jones (centre) while Jeff Miller lends support. (Reuters wirephoto)

Turks seek international soccer stars

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Aug. 5 (AP) Turkish soccer clubs are turning to the international market, acquiring stars from West Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Iceland and even the Soviet Union to help boost the quality of play at home.

This year the 18 clubs in the Turkish First Division looked to those countries to add six new players to the more than 30 foreigners, mostly Yugoslavs, already playing in Turkey.

The most expensive transfer of the year was Belgian goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff, who played for West German powerhouse Bayern Munich for six years.

He joined the Black Sea team of Trabzonspor this year for 1.5 billion Turkish lira (\$700,000).

League champion Fenerbahce, which had already acquired West German international goalkeeper Toni Schumacher, added Danish striker Henrik Nielsen for 500,000 Deutsche marks (\$267,380) and Soviet sweeper Ivan Vishnevsky for \$230,000.

Besiktas, which finished second in the League, hired Alan Walsh from Britain, while newly promoted Genclerbirliigi from the capital city of Ankara acquired Attili Edvaldson, captain of the Iceland national squad, for 250,000 Deutsche marks (\$133,690). Malatyaspor got Alf Fikster from Hertha Berlin.

Galatasaray of Istanbul, which already had two Yugoslavs and opted for Turkish players, shelled out \$250,000 for a one-year contract to hire a foreign coach, Sigi Held of West Germany, the coach of Iceland's national team.

Galatasaray's striker Tanju Colak, who was top scorer in Europe the previous year, became the most expensive Turkish player in the League when he extended his contract for two more years for 1.4 billion Turkish lira (\$675,000).

New Zealand retain Bledisloe Cup

All Blacks beat Wallabies

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Aug. 5 (AP) Fly half Grant Fox kicked 16 points today to guide world champion New Zealand to a 24-12 win over arch-rival Australia and retain the annually contested Bledisloe Cup.

Fullback John Gallagher and prop Richard Loe scored tries for New Zealand, while Fox kicked four penalties and two conversions as he passed the 300-point mark in Test rugby.

Winger David Campese scored Australia's only try while fly half Michael Lynagh kicked two penalties and a conversion.

New Zealand is unbeaten in 17 straight Test matches stretching back to November 1986.

The All Blacks have won 61 Tests against Australia, lost 21 and drawn five.

They are 5-0 this year and have also scored 2-0 series wins over France and Argentina.

New Zealand captain Wayne Shelford said his team now was looking forward to its upcoming tour of Britain.

Nick Farr-Jones, the Australian captain, said his team had put pressure on the New Zealanders.

"But the All Blacks showed they have what it takes when the pressure is on," he said. "They deserved to win."

The young Wallaby team, including three uncapped players in hooker Phil Kearns, prop Daly and centre Tim Horan, matched the New Zealand forwards for much of the game, but the All Blacks remained the more cohesive and threatening combination.

Fox kicked two early penalties to give New Zealand a 6-0 before Campese hit back with a well-taken try. He followed through a clever kick ahead by Farr-Jones to dot down out wide and Lynagh's conversion succeeded.

New Zealand led 1-6 at the break after Gallagher backed up good work by centres Joe Stanley and John Schuster to score under the posts. Fox converted and also kicked two penalties after the break to increase the lead to 18-6.

Two Lynagh penalties reduced the deficit to six points, but the Aussies faded badly in the final minutes, allowing Loe to score a bargaining try after an effective rolling maul. Fox once again converted.

Loe's try was his first in a Test match.

Teams:

Australia — Greg Martin, Ian Williams, Tim Horan, David Campese, Lloyd Walker, Michael Lynagh, Nick Farr-Jones (Captain), Steve Yuyman, Simon Poidevin, Bill Campbell (Tim Gavin), Steve Cutler, Jeff Miller, Andy McIntyre, Phil Kearns, Tony Daly.

New Zealand — John Gallagher, John Kirwan, Joe Stanley, Terry Wright, John Schuster, Grant Fox, Bruce Deans, Wayne Shelford (captain), Mike Brewer, Gary Whetton, Murray Pierce, Alan Whetton, Richard Loe, Sean Fitzpatrick, Steve McDowall.

Referee: Steve Hilditch (Ireland).

False start mars Jager, Biondi 50m freestyle duel

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5 (Reuters) Sprinter Tom Jager, apparently too eager for revenge over rival Matt Biondi at the US Swimming Long Course National Championships last night, beat the gun was disqualified for a false start.

Jager and Biondi were all set to resume their 50-metre freestyle duel. It had been 10 months since Biondi topped Jager in a world record 22.14 seconds at the Olympic Games in Seoul.

After the officials conferred, Jager was tossed from the event because US swimming rules call for an immediate disqualification of a swimmer in the event of a false start.

After a second false start was called and Todd Pace was disqualified, Biondi finally won the race on the third try in 22.36 seconds.

"It was unfortunate that Tom was D.Q.'d (disqualified)," Biondi said, "but the rules are there so that everyone gets the same advantage."

Janet Evans began the night winning the 800-metre freestyle in 8:22.11, well off her world record time of 8:17.22, but it was her fourth gold medal performance.

Evans has now won 19 consecutive contests and 30 of her last 32 major races.

In a battle to find a new American in the women's 200-metre butterfly, Pam Minthorn came out on top in 2:11.88.

Minthorn now appears to be the heir apparent in the United States to replace the popular world record holder Mary Meagher.

Sotomayor bids to raise mark again



Javier Sotomayor

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5 (Reuters) Cuban Javier Sotomayor bids to better his high jump world record for the second time in successive weekends when he competes in an invitational athletics meeting here tomorrow.

Sotomayor raised his own mark to 2.44 metres at the Caribbean games in Puerto Rico last Saturday — a performance which also made him the first man to clear the imperial eight-foot barrier.

Sotomayor, the world indoor champion, faces a strong challenge from Olympic silver medalist Hollis Conway, who set an American record of 2.39 metres in Oklahoma City last Sunday.

The pair were prevented from meeting in Seoul because of the Cuban boycott of the Olympics but clashed at the New York Games two weeks ago when Sotomayor finished second and Conway sixth.

The meeting also features a \$500,000 reward for breaking Bob Beamon's 21-year-old long jump world record of 8.90 metres set at the 1968 Mexico Olympics.

The promoters had hoped to attract Olympic champion Carl Lewis. He declined, but Seoul silver and bronze medalists Mike Powell and Larry Myricks will be competing.

The press conference was called to promote a contract — "in the ballpark of seven figures," said King — for Tyson to star in a television commercial for Toyota cars to be shown in Japan.

Presumably referring to such domestic matters as Tyson's divorce squabble with ex-wife Robin Givens and a biography quoting Tyson as saying he likes to hurt women, the effusive King declared.

"The visionary Japanese have latched on to the hottest property in the world and, in spite of all the negative stories that have been permeating the countryside, they have reached out and touched a great, great star."

In a call to US advertisers who once used Tyson in their promotions, King added: "Hopefully some of our American compatriots will come on in too."

Tyson, looking "Hollywood" in a white double-breasted suit, said he was willing to fight anywhere, except in South Africa.

"We are definitely going to fight in Japan," King said. "We are in negotiations with Indonesia and even talked about China."

Tyson: ready to defend title against Dokes and Foreman

"Promoters discussed a second Bruno fight, but the issue died," he added.

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England team

LONDON, Aug. 5. (Reuters): England, robbed of many of their top cricketers by the planned rebel tour of South Africa, have agreed to send a second string team to Zimbabwe early next year as part of their rebuilding programme. The tour, announced yesterday by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), will begin in the middle of February and last for six weeks.

Essex reprimanded

LONDON, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Essex were reprimanded by the English Test and County Cricket Board yesterday after criticising the board's decision to deduct 25 points from their county championship tally for producing an "unsatisfactory pitch" last month.

Doping shock

LONDON, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Another racehorse owned by the Aga Khan is at the centre of a doping investigation. With his Epsom Oaks winner Alyssa facing disqualification after traces of camphor were found in her urine, the Aga Khan learned that three-year-old Rikada, trained by Fulk Johnson Houghton, had also failed a drug test.

Motorcycling GP

DONINGTON, England, Aug. 5. (UPI): American Kevin Schwantz maintained his blistering pace for tomorrow's British 500cc motorcycle Grand Prix with the fastest qualifying time in practice at Donington Park yesterday.

French official

AGEN, France, Aug. 5. (Reuters): The vice-president of the French Rugby Union Federation (FFR) said today he would attend the game's centenary celebrations in South Africa in a personal capacity.

Steroid use

TORONTO, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Some athletes become "anaesthetised" to the dangers of taking anabolic steroids, the Canadian government inquiry on drug use in amateur sport was told yesterday. Clarke Flynn, a former Canadian bobsledder and weightlifter, testified that he experienced worrisome side effects as a result of steroid use in 1982, but that fellow lifters routinely dismissed such concerns.

1998 Olympics

MOSCOW, Aug. 5. (Reuters): The Soviet Union's National Olympic Committee has proposed the Black Sea resort town of Sochi as the country's candidate for the 1998 Winter Olympics. Tass news agency yesterday.

Hockey star

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Aug. 5. (AP): Soviet hockey star Vladimir Krutov has been released by the Red Army and could begin negotiations with the Vancouver Canucks within two weeks, agent Mark Malachuk said.

French players

PARIS, Aug. 5. (Reuters): French rugby union international Franck Messel and Laurent Rodriguez have accepted invitations to join a world team tour of South Africa, sources said yesterday.

Compulsive gambler

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (UPI): Pete Rose's former friend says in a magazine article the Cincinnati Reds manager was so consumed by betting that he wagered on 30 sports events a week and let gambling supersede his interest in baseball and his family.

Gonzales wins

CONCORD, California, Aug. 5. (UPI): Tony Gonzales won a spot on the US World Championships boxing team from the Olympic festival champion Eddie Cook in a box-off last night, when Cook was disqualified for landing a low blow.

Argentine striker

MONACO, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Argentine international Ramon Diaz, who scored 13 goals in Italy while on loan to Inter Milan last season, has moved to French First Division side Monaco from Fiorentina.

Cup qualifier

MIAMI, Aug. 5. (Reuters): El Salvador's home team, Costa Rica, qualified for the CONCACAF Cup by beating Trinidad/Tobago in a match which was a spoilsport for the Orange Bowl stadium said yesterday. The spokeswoman said the match would take place in the Orange Bowl on August 13, with the starting time tentatively set for 4 pm EDT (2000 GMT).

Milan boss

ROME, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Italy's soccer federation instigated disciplinary action against the president of European champions Milan yesterday after he criticised tough new rules that hold clubs responsible for the violence of their fans.

Europa Cup

GATESHEAD, England, Aug. 5. (AP): Britain won four of the opening four events today and established an early lead over the Soviet Union and East Germany in the Europa Cup track and field final at the international stadium. Britain led with 37 points, followed by the Soviet Union at 27 and France at 22. The East Germans were fourth in the eight nation competition with 20 points.

W. German soccer

BONN, Aug. 5. (Reuters): West German First Division soccer results today:

Karlsruhe	0	Bayer U	0
Homburg	0	Kaiserslautern	0
Bonn	0	Bayer M	0
Nurnberg	0	Bayer L	0
Werder	1	Duesseldorf	0
Waldhof M	3	Bochum	2

Played on Friday

Borussia D	1	St Pauli	1
Hamburg	1	Eintracht F	1

Grabb surprises Chang for Stratton Mountain semifinals

STRATTON MOUNTAIN, VT., Aug. 5. (Reuters): French Open champion Michael Chang joined the legion of upset victims at the international '89 tennis tournament when he ran into a giant roadblock in the quarterfinals yesterday.

Jim Grabb, who at 1.93 metres

towers over the second-seeded Chang, crushed his fellow-American Chang 6-2, 6-4 to reach the semifinals against compatriot Jim Pugh.

Pugh, seeded 14th, advanced with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over 12th seed Robert Seguso. The other semifinal will match

unseeded David Wheaton, who knocked out top seed Andre Agassi on Thursday.

The unseeded Grabb, ranked 114th, has had an outstanding week, winning every set in four matches and overpowering three seeded players — Yannick Noah (number seven), Johan

Kriek (10) and Chang.

"When you've been able to play at a certain level you ache to play at that level again," said Grabb, who has beaten Stefan Edberg and Mats Wilander during his career. "I can do it once in a while and I'm trying to find a way to do it everyday."

Grabb has already found success in doubles — he won the French Open title with partner Patrick McEnroe.

Grabb was all over Chang, the world number six, from the beginning. He rushed the net at every opportunity and kept the normally steady and mentally tough Chang off-balance.

"Jim has long arms and long legs," said the 17-year-old Chang, who stands a diminutive 1.73 m. "Sometimes it's difficult mentally."

"For me, it might be a little bit easier to play a baseline because you get into a groove," Chang said.

England make five changes

Malcolm and Atherton new faces, Gooch omitted

LONDON, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Jamaican-born pace bowler Devon Malcolm and 21-year-old batsman Mike Atherton are the new faces among five changes announced by the England selectors today for the fifth Test against Australia starting at Trent Bridge, Nottingham on Thursday.

But perhaps the biggest surprise was the omission of opener Graham Gooch from the squad of 12.

Cricket supremo Ted Dexter said Gooch, who has struggled to find form during the series, had been left out at his own request.

"Graham feels he has not been in the best of form and would like the opportunity to work his way back in," Dexter said.

A new-look England team was certain after Australia had taken an unbeatable 3-0 series lead coupled with the announcement by 16 leading players that they were to take part in a rebel tour of South Africa next year.

There are recalls for 40-year-old off-spinner Hemmings, opener Martyn Moxon and seamer Gladstone Small.

The three members of the rebel squad who played in the fourth



Martyn Moxon



Gladstone Small



Devon Malcolm

Test, John Emburey, Neil Foster and Tim Robinson, have all been axed as expected. Two others, pace bowlers Graham Dilley, who was injured, and Paul Jarvis, who was 12th man, were not considered for selection.

Once they begin their South African tour they will be automatically banned from international cricket for the following five years, effectively ending their England careers.

But the selectors have hardly been adventurous in what was

seen as a chance to build a team for the future.

Atherton, although young, had been widely tipped for selection soon. As captain of Cambridge University and scorer of 1,000 runs in his debut season for Lancashire he has all the credentials to be groomed as a future England skipper.

The only choice that could be regarded as a gamble is that of Malcolm. The 26-year-old bespectacled pace bowler is not yet guaranteed a place in the Derby-

shire county team and has sometimes thrown away the full effect of real pace by being wildly inaccurate.

"With the loss of Graham Dilley, it was felt that genuine pace was important for the balance of the squad," Dexter explained.

"All our reports indicate that Devon Malcolm's accuracy is improving all the time."

His figures this season, 44 wickets at 20.59 runs apiece, appear to support that.

Left-arm spinner Nick Cook and opener Tim Curtis, neither of whom shone in the fourth Test, can be considered somewhat fortunate to retain their places and the inclusion of Hemmings, nicknamed "Whale" for fairly obvious reasons, shows the dearth of good young spinners in the country.

Outside captain David Gower (104 Tests) Ian Botham (96) and Cook (13) none of the squad has appeared more than nine times for England.

Not surprisingly Dexter commented: "experience is at a premium."

Moxon played two Tests against West Indies last season without distinguishing himself but he had a good tour of New Zealand a few months earlier.

Both he and Small have had their careers interrupted by injury. Small's last Test appearance was also against West Indies last year and his international career record is 20 Test wickets at an average of 22.70.

"I'm absolutely delighted at the chance to re-start my England career," Small said.

Sanchez and Jaite reach Open final

KITZBUHEL, Austria, Aug. 5. (AP): Emilio Sanchez of Spain and Martin Jaite of Argentina won their respective semi-finals matches today, and will face off tomorrow in the final round of the \$350,000 Austrian Open tennis tournament.

Emilio Sanchez dismissed his younger brother Javier in just one hour, winning their semi-final match 6-1, 6-4.

Jaite overcame a sluggish start of defeat Goran Prpic of Yugoslavia 6-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the day's second semi-final.

The 24-year-old Emilio Sanchez set the tone of his match with his brother with a break in only the second game. He never looked threatened and won constantly on the net.

"I served well and played steady," said Sanchez, who is ranked 17th in the world. "Javier tried to take the initiative, but I was also defending well today."

Although they have faced off six times in Grand Prix tournaments, Javier has so far never managed to beat his older, and better ranked brother.

"It's a mental problem for him," Emilio Sanchez said. "He looks up to me and somewhere in the back of his mind he thinks it would be bad to beat me."

The elder Sanchez goes into

the final without losing a set in the tournament.

Prpic looked in devastating form at the start of his match with a 6-0 whitewash of Jaite in the first set. However, Jaite settled down to level at 1-1 in the second.

Prpic, visibly tired, found himself down 2-4 to the Argentine in the decisive third set. He fought off five break points from Jaite to pull back to 3-4, but finally succumbed 3-6.

And in Bastad, Sweden, Paolo Cane of Italy and Bruno Panatta of Yugoslavia beat a pair of Swedish-born upstarts to reach the finals of the \$305,000 Swedish Open tennis championships.

No. 5 seed Cane, the only seeded player who survived the quarterfinal round of his day court classic, beat Nicklas Pietrangeli of Sweden 6-4, 6-2.

Oresar, a reserve when Yugoslavia lost a Davis Cup semifinal to Sweden two weeks ago, stopped qualifier Johan Anderson of Australia 7-6, 6-2. Anderson was born in Sweden but moved to Australia seven years ago.

It was the second straight year that no Swedish player made the final.

England may pay for S. African links

LONDON, Aug. 5. (AP): African nations want to ban England from next winter's Commonwealth Games as punishment for its athletes competing in South Africa, an anti-apartheid leader said today.

Sam Ramsamy, head of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee, said African officials are seeking a special meeting of the Commonwealth nations to discuss sanctions against England after English cricketers confirmed they would compete in South Africa in January. Rugby players were expected to compete in South Africa this summer.

"The resolve is very clear. The African nations feel that the culprit countries ought to be excluded. I think they will be pushed out," Ramsamy said. "As always, England is acting arrogantly."

Ramsamy said the African nations, rather than boycotting the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand, would prefer sanctions against England and other countries that maintain sporting links with South Africa.

"We are seeking the isolation and exclusion of England from international sports and specifically from the Commonwealth Games," he said.

The SANROC chairman said

the special meeting probably would be held after a scheduled meeting of Commonwealth leaders in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in October.

Commonwealth Games officials have said there is a provision in their charter for exclusion of nations that disobey the Gleneagles Agreement, which bans sporting links with South Africa.

A threat by African nations to boycott the Commonwealth Games was expected to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of Commonwealth foreign ministers in Canberra. The ministers' three-day meeting, which starts Monday, concerned economic sanctions on South Africa because of its policies of racial segregation.

Sixteen English cricket players announced they will tour South Africa in the next two winters, even though they will face automatic five-year bans from international competition.

Britons are expected to be among the rugby players who will play a series of matches to celebrate the centennial of rugby in South Africa.

Anti-apartheid leaders and Commonwealth Games officials have condemned the cricket tour, and say the rugby series would be even more damaging to

them because it has been officially sanctioned while the cricketers are considered "rebels."

Willie McBride, a former Irish rugby star who has been asked to coach the international team that will tour South Africa in August, defended the series and agreed it is more significant than the cricket tour.

"I certainly wouldn't compare this tour with the cricket tour," he told the BBC. "One has got to remember that the South African Rugby Board are a full member of the international board. This is their centenary year."

"I think it is only right and proper that we should take part in this official tour," McBride said. "I feel that the British sporting public are sick and tired of listening to boycott threats and blackmail."

"It is actually an obscenity to come to South Africa at this stage in our crisis," Archbishop Desmond Tutu, an anti-apartheid leader in South Africa, said at a news conference.

"They are mercenaries who have taken money and they come here at a time when our people are in detention and our children are suffering."

Africa's top sports body also condemned plans for the rebel cricketers to tour South Africa,

indicating the tour might prompt defections from the Commonwealth Games.

Lamine Ba, head of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA), told Reuters the council would appeal to England's cricket authorities to cancel the tour.

Meanwhile, South African cricket chiefs were accused of setting up the rebel England tour long before they were refused a hearing by the International Cricket Conference (ICC) in July.

The South African Cricket Union (SACU) have maintained they decided to organise the tour only after being snubbed by the ICC and prevented from stating their case for readmission to international competition.

The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) issued a statement yesterday which said the board had "irrefutable evidence" on May 11 of an approach to an England player to join a rebel tour.

"On the same day the board was supplied with the names of 13 English cricketers who were being actively sought to take part in the tour, along with the terms being offered. All 13 listed are among the 16 names issued by the SACU last Tuesday forming the party," the statement said.

Ericsson takes lead in rally

CORDOBA, Argentina, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Sweden's Mikael Ericsson drove his Lancia into the overall lead of the Argentine Motor Rally yesterday after defending champion Jorge Recalde's lubrication system broke down in the third leg.

Recalde, who had been the leader since the beginning of the rally on Tuesday, dropped into third place, about 15 minutes behind.

Alessandro Fiorio of Italy, who finished second in yesterday's leg, jumped ahead of his Lancia teammate Recalde and trails Ericsson by just 12 seconds.

Ericsson finished the day with an overall time of five hours 34 minutes 35 seconds over the 460.96 km covered so far.

Leaders after completion of the third leg:

1. Mikael Ericsson (Sweden) Lancia Delta 1, 5 hours 34 mins 35 sec.; 2. Alessandro Fiorio (Italy) Lancia Delta 1, 5:46:47; 3. Jorge Recalde (Argentina) Lancia Delta 1, 5:57:17; 4. Georg Fischer (Austria) Audi 200 Quattro, 6:03:51; 5. Jose Celsi (Chile) Subaru 1.8 4WD T, 6:05:38; 6. Ernesto Soto (Argentina) Renault 18 GTX, 6:08:09; 7. Miguel Torres (Argentina) Renault 18 GTX, 6:13:11; 8. Fernando Stella (Argentina) Renault 18 GTX, 6:13:19; 9. Gustavo Trelles (Uruguay) Lancia Delta 1, 6:13:44; 10. Juan Traverso (Argentina) Renault 18 GTX, 6:17:49.

NFL's overseas adventure enters 2nd generation

WEMBLEY, England, Aug. 5. (AP): Novelties last until the newness wears off, then become either institutions or trivia.

The US National Football League had a novel idea when it brought a preseason game to England's national soccer stadium in 1986. Four years later, the American Bowl is far from a trivial pursuit.

When two of last season's playoff teams, the Cleveland Browns and the Philadelphia Eagles, meet tomorrow, 80,000 fans — from London cab drivers to expatriate Americans — will jam Wembley Stadium as professional football's overseas adventure enters its second generation.

Half a world away, in Tokyo, the Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers and the Los Angeles Rams will be playing in the first American Bowl in Japan.

The NFL-supported World League of American Football, with four European teams, is gearing up for its first season, either in 1990 or 1991. Officials already are talking about expansion to Eastern Europe and the Orient.

And at Wembley, a handful of players, such as Eagles line-backer Al Harris, will be paying a return visit, a sure sign that this

game has shaken its newcomer status and become a part of the sports calendar.

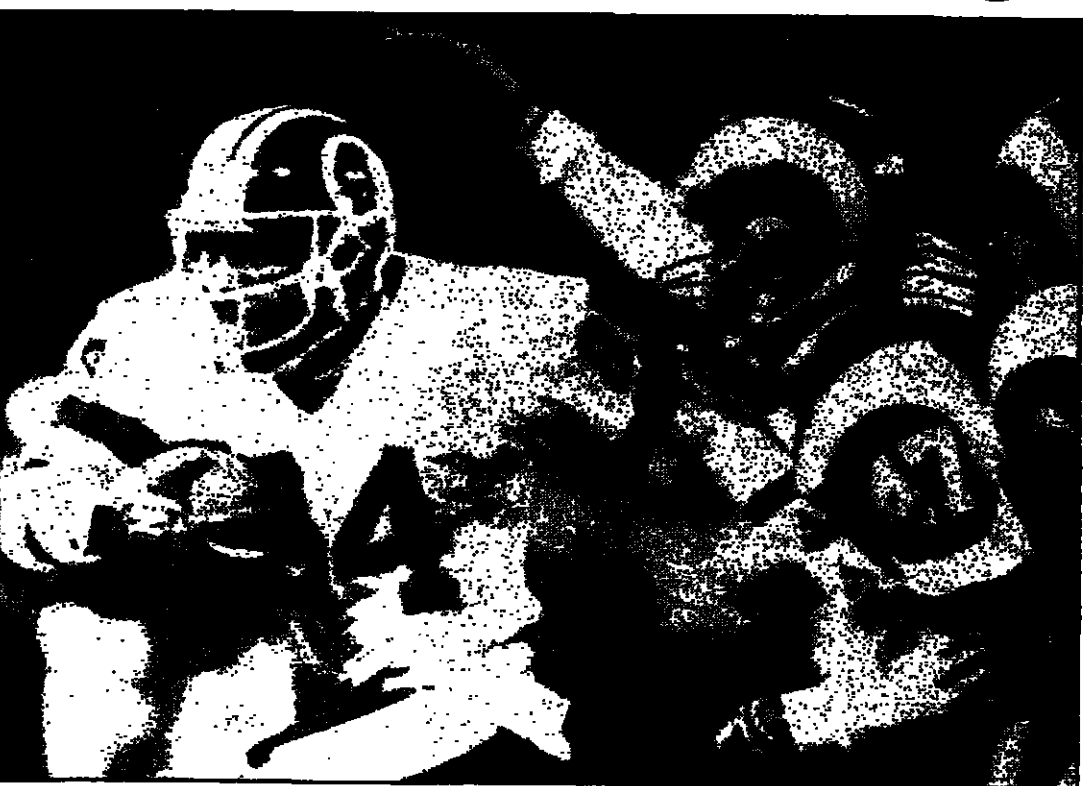
"The NFL has taken me to places I never thought I'd be," said Harris, who played in the first London game as a member of the Chicago Bears. "When I was here in '86, I said, 'I'd like to come back here sometime and look around.' But I never thought I'd come back here to play another football game."

Harris and the Bears also played in Gothenburg, Sweden, in an exhibition game against the Minnesota Vikings last summer, and the Eagles and Pittsburgh Steelers are talking about a preseason meeting in Dublin, Ireland, next year.

But for now there is London, where both the Eagles and the Browns have spent their time sightseeing as well as practicing blocking techniques and running pass patterns.

Browns place-kicker Matt Bahr and his wife, Maresa, led night-time forays for spicy Indian curry. Eagles coach Buddy Ryan took in "Phantom of the Opera" and planned to visit Newmarket to see English horse racing. Weight training and Tower of London shared space on the schedule.

Because of limited training



An action shot of one NFL game last season.

facilities in London, the American Bowl teams traditionally have practiced together,

scrimmaging every day at a track and field stadium across the River Thames from Wembley.

US teams generally train in secluded places, sometimes hundreds of miles from their home

stadium, in preparation for the season.

Things got a little heated this time, with practice sessions Wednesday producing several shoving matches between Philadelphia and Cleveland players. The trouble escalated on Thursday, when about 40 players from each team lined up at midfield and started taunting each other.

"This is getting out of hand," Browns coach Bud Carson said. "It's not helping either team."

Not helping the Browns, either, were injuries. They left starting offensive tackle Cody Rieken in Cleveland with an injured elbow, then lost defensive lineman Darryl Sims with a knee injury in practice here that could sideline the five-year veteran for the season.

As with most preseason openers, the stars should have a short work day on Sunday.

Starting quarterbacks Randall Cunningham of Philadelphia and Bernie Kosar of Cleveland are each scheduled to play the first quarter, then give way to their backups.

Cunningham is out to continue the performance that made him the Most Valuable Player in last year's Pro Bowl and one of the NFL's top offensive performers in 1988.

Sunbirds beat Vaerloese for soccer crown

OSLO, Norway, Aug. 5. (AP): The Arizona Sunbirds, an American girls team composed of players from high schools, beat Kiste Vaerloese of Denmark 3-0 (2-0) in the final of today's 10 finals of the 17th annual Norway Cup, the world's biggest youth soccer tournament.

Pleven of Bulgaria beat Skid of Norway 4-0 in the class for 14-year-old boys and Cantalio of Norway beat the class for 11-year-old boys by beating Kolbotn of Norway 2-0.

Only Norwegian teams were involved in the other seven finals. The NBC radio station said Jennifer Kelly scored the two first half goals for the Sunbirds in the class for girls up to 14 years old. The team came to Oslo after winning two other youth tournaments in Sweden and Denmark.

In Oslo they played and won eight matches with a total score of 32-2 in yesterday's semifinal the Sunbirds beat Loerenskov of Norway 7-0 with two goals by Kelly. Kiste Vaerloese beat Ros of Norway 1-0 in the semifinal.

It was the first American NC club victory in four years. Sing Soccer Club, a girls team from Dallas, Texas won the class for girls up to 19 in 1985.

Entered for Norway Cup this year were a record number of 22,000 players representing nearly 1,200 teams of 566 different soccer clubs from 24 countries.

Angola, Bolivia, Brazil, Japan, Nigeria, Paraguay, Saudi Arabia were among the countries represented at the tournament.

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